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Under the Auspices of The Institution of Electrical Engineers China Centre

The Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Society will be held TO-DAY at 5.45 p.m. in the Henry Lester Institute of Medical Research, 1320 Avenue Road.

Paper on

PRINCIPLES OF RATE STRUCTURE

by

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SPRING HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

The "North-China Daily News" will be published as usual on Thursday, February 8, but there will be no issue on Friday, February 9.

The offices of the Company will be closed on Thursday, February 8, but will reopen for business as usual on Friday, February 9.

Advertisers are requested to send in their copy before noon on Wednesday, February 7.

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SHANGHAI FOREIGN EXCHANGE BANKERS ASSOCIATION

SHANGHAI SPRING HOLIDAYS
(China New Year)

The Member Banks of the above Association will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 8, 9 and 10, 1940, on account of the above. 10665

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REMINDER

Voting Members are reminded of the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Guests Room, Grand Stand, at 5.30 p.m. TO-DAY.

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To-day's Events

FEBRUARY

5 S.A.C.S. Indira Devi 'Yogi,' 7 Petain
5 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
5 Beginning of Spring (Li-ch'un)
5 Harbin occupied by Japanese (1932)

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Coming Events

FEBRUARY

6 A.W.C. 'Using Native Food', 11 a.m.
7 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
7 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
8 Rugger Dinner, Shanghai Club, 8.15
8 For. Y. Debate: 'Cosmetics and Woman's Beauty'
9 Soiree, Norwegian Assn., C.S.F., 7.30
10 S.R.U.F.C. Interport Dance, Country C.
10 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
10 Ballet Russe, 'Tsar Maiden', Lyc. 9
11 Ballet Russe, 'Tsar Maiden', Lyc. 2
11 Municipal Orchestra Concert, Lyc., 5.15
11 'For The Sins of the Fathers,' Jewish A.D.C., Lyceum, 9
13 For. Y. Lecture: 'Mental Hygiene' by Dr. F. G. Halpern
13 A.W.C. Musical Programme, 4.45
14 Indian Merchants Association, Annual Meeting, 391 Kiangse Road, 5
15 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
15 'Tales of Hoffmann', Grand Opera by J. Offenbach, gala production, Lyc., 8.45
15 Pinette-Quartette A.W.C., 9
17 "Tales of Hoffmann,' Lyceum, 8.45
17 Betar Dance, A.W.C., 9
18 'Tales of Hoffmann', Lyceum, 8.45
20 A.W.C. Book Review, 4.45
20 For. Y. Lecture: "The Whangpoo—Shanghai's River', by Mr. N. Maas
20 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 9
21 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 9
22 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
22 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 9
23 A.D.C. "Lilac Time, Lyceum, 9
24 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 2.30
24 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 9
27 A.W.C. Bridge and Mahjongg, 3
27 For. Y. Lecture: 'Education', by Dr. R. J. McMullen
27 Piano recital by Miss Wincia Tomaszewska, Polish pianist, Lyceum, 9.15
28 A.W.C. Concert, Mrs. Seidl-Margolinski, Mr. Warschauer, 9
29 Ranger Leap Yr. Din. Dance, A.W.C. 8
29 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
29 Community Church Organ Concert, 9

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Those who have not yet secured copies of this invaluable work of reference are advised to place their orders immediately.

A MAP OF SHANGHAI

(65 inches by 32 inches) is being offered as a Supplement to the China Hong List at an extra cost of $3 per copy. It is published by authority of the Shanghai Municipal Council and covers the following area:—

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These tragic words, reported as uttered by Lenin at the end of his life, may never really have been uttered by the leader of the most dreadful and bloody revolution in history, yet the idea they express is true. Both Lenin and Francis of Assissi had the same end in view—world revolution—but the former believed in a political and economical revolution only, while the latter knew that a personal and spiritual revolution was absolutely necessary for the success of the former. A political and economical revolution only brings about a change of masters and leaves the old hatred still living between the masters and the slaves. This fire of hatred can only be quenched when men's hearts have undergone that revolution to which Christ Himself long ago called all men with the words: "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

Renewal of Christian Life

Pope Pius XI pointed out that the most urgent need of the present day "is the energetic and timely application of remedies which will ward off the catastrophe that daily grows more threatening." What are these remedies? The first and fundamental remedy is a renewal of Christian life, that is, a "sincere renewal of private and public life according to the principles of the Gospel." The Communists claim that Christianity has failed and they are trying to liberate men from the results of this failure. It is not Christianity that has failed, it is neo-paganism. Communism has certainly shown no great signs of success in its self-appointed task. In fact it cannot succeed for its plan rests not upon human liberty but upon the violation of it. It tries to force men to be good but morality cannot be legislated into men's hearts, it must come out from the heart.

Say what they will the Communist Revolution was primarily a religious one. For its central event was the enthronement of a new god, whose shrine was the machine, whose gospel rank materialism. It was against this identification of the earthly and the spiritual, the temporal and the eternal, that Christ spoke when He told men: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His justice and all these things shall be added to you." He meant that as long as people immerse themselves completely in earthly and material things, they cannot possibly be free. For the material, of its very nature, is the basis of slavery, since there is no freedom whatever connected with matter.

The ultimate remedy for these social evils is the love of our neighbour for the love of God. If all the members of society had this charity in their hearts then the axe would be laid to the root of the advancement of self at the expense of the weak which evil is at the root of atheistic Bolshevism as well as of individualistic capitalism. The Catholic Church teaches this doctrine to all men at all times yet unless men put it into practice, the same old evils remain unchanged. Pope Pius XI says "There is a divine regenerating force in this "New Precept" (as Christ calls it) of Christian Charity." But charity will never be true charity unless it takes justice into constant account. From this it follows that a "charity" which deprives the workingman of the salary to which he has a strict title in justice is not charity at all." It is necessary that all sections of society have an intimate conviction that they are members of a single family and children of the same Heavenly Father, and further, that they are meant to be one body in Christ and everyone members one of another. How different from all this is the programme of Communism, which admits of no such thing as charity and justice. Where is the bond of union between the members of that society which sets child against parents, brother against brother and husband against wife, in an attempt to level all to the status of slaves of an omnipotent, and heartless State.

The Pope's Warning

Pope Pius XI again warns us against the insidious tactics of the Communists. Until recently, we heard of Communists posing as the apostles of peace and world-friendship in a world yearning for peace, while at the same time stirring up class warfare and now openly carrying on what the whole world brands as unjust aggression against those who do not care for the Communist idea of peace and friendship.

What steps shall we take to offset this evil of Communism? The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ and every single member of the Church is in one way or another a member of that Mystical Body. It is through and by those members that the Church must act and influence the world. The masses of workingmen in the world will only be Christianized by the Christians among the working masses; professional and business men will the better live up to ethical standards in proportion to the influence of their Christian members; politicians will be honest in proportion to the influence of honest Christian politicians. All are necessary one to the other and only through the harmonious co-ordination of all will Christianity "succeed in bringing about a common peace amongst men, by devoting all their energies to the propagation and restoration of the Kingdom of Christ."

Union of Hearts

The remedy is not class war, nor hatred which separates, but union of hearts and minds, Christian charity which joins harmoniously man to man, Church to State, class to class. The Holy Father thus appeals to all believers in God to join forces against atheistic Communism.

"Food Enough for The Duration"

Germany's Defiance of The Blockade; Account A Little Distorted

The great confidence professed in official German circles about their home-produced food supplies is reflected in a leading article in a recent number of the "Deutsche Volkswirt."

It states that the crop of potatoes and sugar beet is the largest since the record crop of 1937, that the wheat crop is only a little less than the record crop of 1938, and that imports of cattle feed from Russia and South-East Europe are assured. Crops of roots, vegetables, and fruit are also claimed to have been above the average. It is hoped that bread, sugar, and potatoes are assured up till 1941, even if imports cease entirely. Stocks of fats and meat are such that there should be no decrease in the numbers of cattle in the coming year.

The article goes on to draw a favourable comparison between the present state of German agriculture and that of 1914. It is claimed that production has risen by 25 per cent. Striking increases in the weight of pigs and the milk production of cows are also claimed. Home supplies of animal foods are said to be 41 per cent. higher than the average for the years 1909-13. Much is hoped from the conquest of Poland, where 90 per cent. of the harvest has been seized. The German settlers from the Baltic are bringing into Poland breeding stock, and German supervision and organization are expected to increase agricultural production, even in those areas of Poland which had a surplus before.

Although it is generally admitted that Germany is better prepared to resist blockade than in 1914, there are certainly omissions and possibly distortions in this account. No mention is made, for example, of oilseeds and whale oil, both of which cannot reach her from abroad in any significant quantities. Coffee, cocoa, and tea are not available, and German readers are not reminded that Austria, Poland, and the Czechs have to be fed.

Official German figures, according to the British United Press, show that the Reich indebtedness increased by 2,720,000,000m. (£226,600,000 at old rates) during August and September. Indebtedness has now reached the level of 35,550,000,000m. (approximately £3,000,000,000). This figure does not include money spent on rearmament.

Task of Equipping the British Army

Vast Increases in Every Branch of Production

Lord Woolton, Director-General of Equipment and Stores at the Ministry of Supply, quoted recently the following figures showing how British industry is carrying out the gigantic task of clothing and equipping the Army:—

Uniforms.—Before the war there were between seven and 12 firms on Government contracts. Now there are 500. Nine factories wove the cloth. Now there are 1,000. Last month they turned out 2,000,000 yards of cloth for battle dress. Production of finished battle dress outfits last month reached 500,000 compared with a pre-war output of 175,000 a year.

Overcoats.—Mills produced 1,250,000 yards of material last month, and 470,000 yards last week. During the last war it was not until March, 1918, that the output reached 270,000 yards a week. The Army's pre-war needs were 300,000 yards a year. Finished overcoats delivered last month totalled 350,000—84 times the peace-time supply.

Boots.—Northants factories are now producing 130,000 pairs a week, 10,000 more than a year's normal requirements.

Blankets.—Yorkshire mills are manufacturing over 200,000 a week. Firms manufacturing carpets before the war are now making blankets. The whole of the B.E.F. has adequate supplies.

Lord Woolton mentioned that women who are knitting extra comforts for the troops could greatly help by making khaki gloves, which are "a sheer necessity," instead of socks.

Lesson Sermon

First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Love:—Is the subject of the Lesson Sermon read in all Churches of Christ Scientist, throughout the world on Sunday, February 4. Golden Text:—Romans 5:5. "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson Sermon is the following from The Bible:— "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also." (I John 4:20,21.)

The Lesson Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy:— 'It is not well to imagine that Jesus demonstrated the divine power to heal only for a select number or for a limited period of time, since to all mankind and in every hour, divine Love supplies all good.

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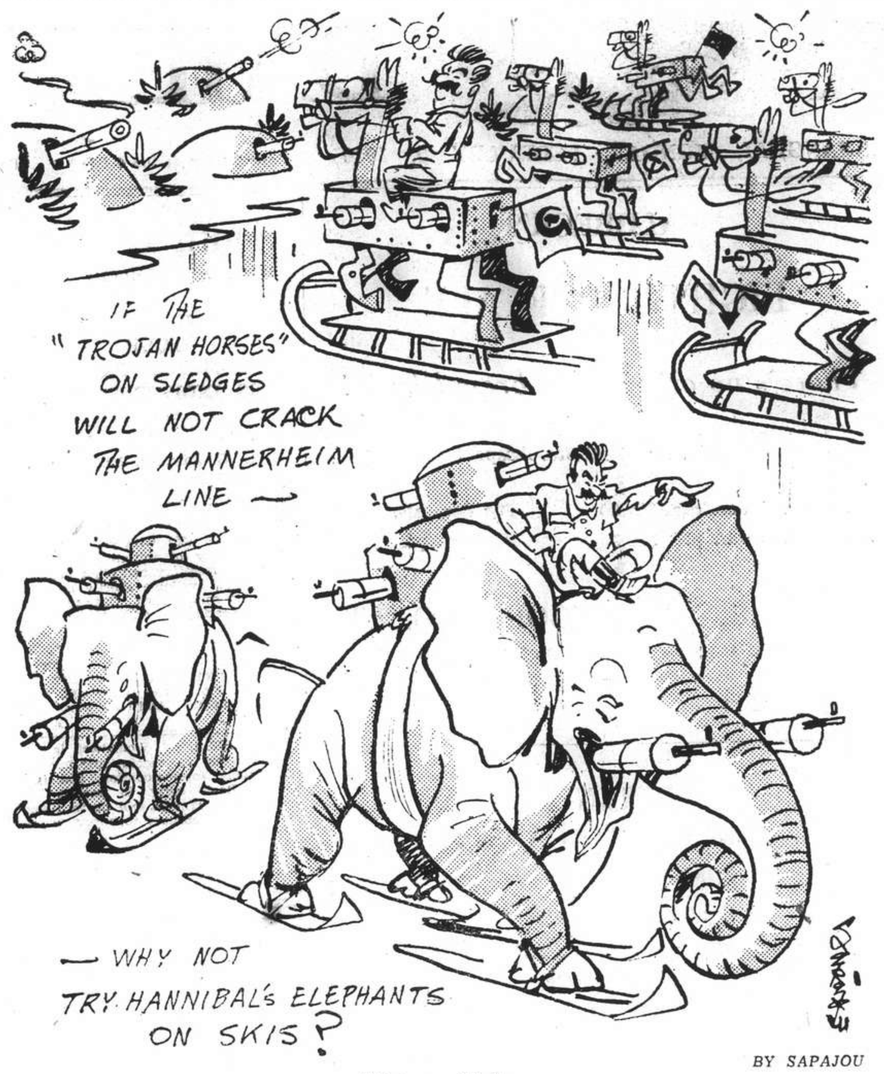

History Helps

Enemy Facing Loss Of £45,000,000

Estimated Annual Amount As Result of Allies' Two Way Blockade of Reich

Germany will, it is estimated, lose about £45,000,000 a year as a result of the Allied blockade of all enemy exports which has come into force. British and French orders implementing the new blockade were published recently.

Last year the total value of German seaborne exports was put at £100,000,000. Of these 30 per cent. was destined for countries outside Europe and about 15 per cent. to the countries of North and South America. It is not perhaps generally recognized that Britain and France together with a few overseas countries received the bulk of German exports.

The loss of this trade and the foreign exchange which it would have brought into the German coffers should be of substantial importance in shortening the war.

No Longer Dictate

While it is admitted that Germany can continue to export goods overland, it is clear that the new blockade will make it impossible for her any longer to dictate her terms. There is a limit to the goods which European neutrals can take and conversely, alternative markets for neutral exports are opening up as a result of the wartime diversion of German trade.

The German leaders' frantic efforts to frustrate the new Allied war measure show the importance attached by Berlin to obtaining the foreign exchange which Germany's exports yielded. While it is not overlooked that a certain volume of trade may be able to slip through the Allied control, the serious risk of interception immensely raises the cost of shipping these goods.

A further result of reducing the German stocks of foreign exchange is to limit her ability to render more palatable her unpopular and dictatorial clearing agreements with other European States.

Germany's urgent need for foreign exchange which she can obtain only by the sale of her exports abroad is well known. With this foreign exchange she is financing her intensive propaganda against the Allied cause and has for long been fostering unfair economic competition throughout the world.

It will be recalled that the United States not long ago imposed discriminatory duties against German goods because of the unfair trading methods employed by the Reich.

This step was taken in accord with the widely-understood fact that German foreign trade was being conducted not as a commercial but as a strategical operation. It has been operating unfairly against all competing countries both in the matter of exports and imports.

One outcome of the blockade will be to produce freer and fairer trading conditions in many world markets.

There are precedents from the last war which suggest that it will be possible to meet legitimate neutral complaints and to reach reasonably satisfactory compromise arrangements.

The Puzzle of Giant Panda at Whipsnade

Hibernating, Dopey, or Just Temperamental?

The largest and oldest of the Zoo's three giant pandas is puzzling those responsible for her care, states the "Birmingham Post." Recently, Sung, as this female specimen is known, was moved from Whipsnade to London because she appeared ill and was suspected to have internal trouble. Her symptoms were an apparent inability to move and marked lack of energy.

Now she is under observation in the Zoo hospital, but her medical attendants are unable to say whether she is really ill or developing a tendency to hibernate, and so little is known about the habits of giant pandas that they have nothing to guide them. Obviously, Sung is not in pain, for she has no objection to being touched, but she refuses to move and sometimes seems incapable of getting on her feet.

All this might be attributable to hibernation, but she wakes up to feed and is not in a torpid condition, with low temperature, as she should be if hibernating. The only clue the Zoo has is that Sung's former nickname, given by her captor, was "Dopey." She may therefore have been subject to attacks of extreme lethargy.

If Sung's condition proves to be temperamental, and not due to ill-health, she will be placed on view for visitors. So far, she has not been seen at London Zoo. She was sent to Whipsnade last spring because she did not like the other two giant pandas, Ming and Tang, who were equally antagonistic towards her. She seemed happy in the country Zoo, and did well until a month ago, when she became so quiet as to cause alarm.

M. Herriot Stresses Resolve to Fight

French Leader Discerns Soviet Army Weakness

Lisbon, Feb. 4.

Although the struggle will probably prove a hard one, the Allies are determined to pursue it till victory is achieved, M. Edouard Herriot, the President of the French Chamber of Deputies, stated in an interview with the Paris correspondent of the "Diario de Lisboa" yesterday.

Asked what he thought of the Soviet Army, M. Herriot said he, like many others, had believed in the strength of this army until its failures in Finland, which proved that it is not the mighty force it claims to be.—Havas.

Pigeons in Lap Of Luxury

Ultra-Violet Ray Baths; Invisible Rays as Well; Training for the War

A family of pigeons nightly gather round a loud-speaker in a block of luxury flats in Warwickshire, and listen to a broadcast planned for their amusement; writes a special correspondent to the "Daily Mirror." The broadcast over, they prepare for sleep in nest boxes which are the last word in comfort.

Their home is so modern they need not switch off their electric light. It is done automatically. They breakfast on the best maize from a complicated machine which they operate themselves. Nothing is too good for this family. For at a secret depot they are being trained to do important war work. Over land and sea, through fire and shells and air raids, these birds will fly and unflinchingly carry out dangerous tasks. Many will die serving England.

In charge of the family is Mr. A. J. Wager, of Birmingham, who has been appointed technical consultant for the National Pigeon Service. Mr. Wager has got the job because Air Minister Sir Kingsley Wood thinks he knows more about pigeons than anyone else.

Mr. Wager, aged fifty-one, has trained pigeons since he was two years old. There is none of your dingy, old-fashioned pigeon lofts about Mr. Wager's establishments. These birds are to play a big part in a scientific war. So all their training is scientific.

They have regular ultra-violet ray baths to keep them energetic. Broadcast hour is a noisy hour in this pigeon town. From a modern radiogram special records are relayed through amplifiers to the pigeons, who sit around and take a great interest.

They hear the noise of heavy shells bursting, machine-guns rattling, bugles sounding and the sergeant-major bellowing away. To such sounds the pigeons must become accustomed. England and France will depend on these birds keeping their heads and not getting scared when, in the noise of battle, they go over the top.

An invisible ray is used by Mr. Wager to make sure that the returning pigeons deliver their messages promptly. First, grain and maize is made ready in the lofts. The bird, to reach the food, must pass through the ray. By doing so he rings a bell, which announces his arrival.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF FEBRUARY 5, 1870

We hear of three gentlemen who have just returned from a ten days' shooting excursion, with a bag that will rival a battle in English preserves—527 head, including 513 pheasants and 13 deer.

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A noteworthy point in connection with the recent fire at Ewo, was the difficulty found with the lead piping; of course, it all melted with the fire, and the gas was adrift and ablaze. We believe we are right in saying that iron piping is almost invariably used in England.

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We have heard a good deal of Chinese progress, lately but we certainly never saw it more fully exemplified than yesterday afternoon—a Chinese riding up the Maloo on a bicycle, and wearing white kid gloves.

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Sir J. Ellerman's Gift To H.M. Navy

£30,000 New-type Torpedo Boat Presented

Sir John Ellerman, the 30-year-old multi-millionaire, and his brother-in-law, Mr. Raphael de Sola, have presented the Government with a torpedo-boat and an armed tug for service with the Navy, says the "Evening Standard."

Both boats were specially designed and built for war service, and are the most modern craft of their class afloat.

Sir John Ellerman, who inherited the vast shipping interests of his father and is believed to be the richest man in Britain, paid for the torpedo-boat.

It was built on the Clyde, at a cost estimated at £30,000, and is exceptionally fast and is equipped with the latest anti-submarine devices.

The armed tug is the gift of Mr. Raphael de Sola. It was built at Southampton, and cost about £12,500.

It has a number of small guns which can be used against aircraft as well as surface vessels.

The two vessels are now at a south coast port (January 6), ready to go to sea. They have not yet been named, and are known by numbers.

Sweden Loses 200 Sailors In 30 Ships in War

London, Feb. 4.

Sweden has lost 200 seamen from 30 ships since the outbreak of the war, according to an announcement broadcast by the Stockholm radio station today.—Reuter.

North-West Frontier Gang Loot Cars

Five British Military Casualties in Battle

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

New Delhi, Feb. 4.

Two members of the military were killed and three wounded when a gang, specializing in looting cars, from across the border of British India, was engaged yesterday.

The fight occurred near Bannu.

The gang is reported to have looted five cars.

Outnumbered, the military party put up a stiff resistance until reinforcements arrived, when the gang retreated. It is now being pursued.—Reuter.

U.S. Envoy to France on Way Home to Report

Paris, Feb. 4.

Mr. William Bullitt, American Ambassador to France, left yesterday from Bordeaux for Washington, where he has been summoned for consultation. On February 1, Mr. Bullitt stated his visit would be short and he had no special mission.—Reuter.

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WOMAN'S PAGE

A London Letter

BY OLIVE DUN

London, Dec. 12.

Should we put our Cairn terriers into collars of luminous paint? It would be decorative; but as they live in the country and are never allowed out of the garden after dinner, it is perhaps one of the war-time expenses that we might forego.

But for town dogs luminous collars now on sale are an excellent idea. I am often sorry for the little dogs one sees dragged along by thoughtless mistresses among the myriad menacing feet of London, and to take out a dog in the blackout, as many women do for protection, is really to invite misfortune. Luminous collars will be a great safeguard.

Another idea I have seen discribed is a walking stick with a wheel at the end. You push it along the ground and when it comes to the edge of the pavement it switches on a little beam of light pointing downwards.

I also read today of an ingenious bus conductor, who, with an old bell-push behind one of his coat buttons and a small battery in his pocket, can switch on a light to shine down his left sleeve into the palm of his hand, when he wishes to be sure about the coins he is getting or giving.

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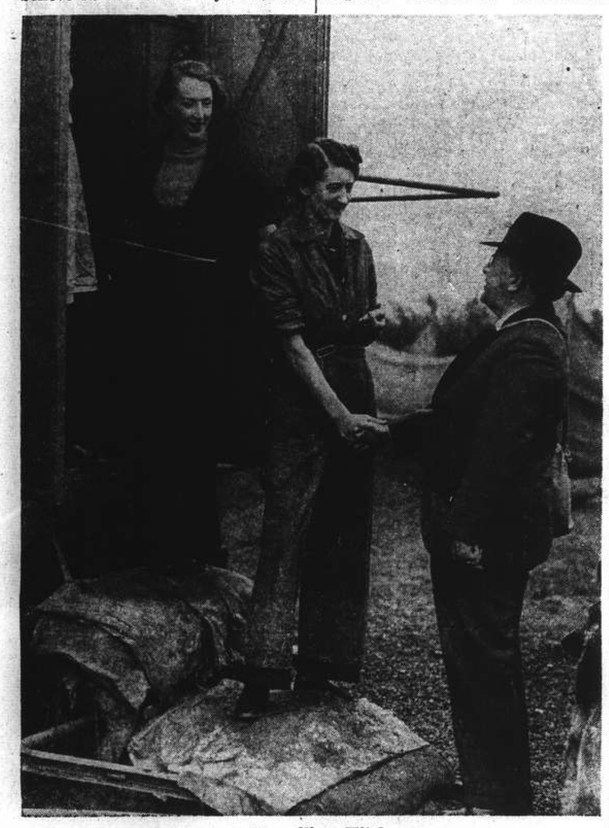
Out of Evil—

Yet we are rapidly developing the eyes of cats or owls. A naval friend once told me that young officers who went to sea for the first time in the last war were quite confused when peace came and they had to navigate with lighted ships. I can believe it. This week my homeward



A Travelling Kitchen

Sir Kingsley Wood, Secretary for Air, paid a visit to an R.A.F. station, when he talked to officers' wives who are doing voluntary work in a travelling kitchen.

train was raised to the dignity of those that are being fitted with lights. It is delightful to be able to read again. But at each stopping place the guard switches off the light for the opening of doors, and of course this makes the darkness outside ten times darker.

One thinks of H. G. Wells' story, "The Kingdom of the Blind." Is it possible there are some faculties and conveniences we should be better without? Those of us who remember the days when there were no motor cars and almost no telephones often think so.

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Their Majesties

The King entered the fourth year of his reign yesterday, with a return from six arduous days among the troops in France, during which he went everywhere, sometimes quite close up to the front line, and took his meals where he might—you heard, no doubt, of the French-woman keeper of a little estaminet who was suddenly called on to provide lunch for the King of England, but still found time to send out and get a bunch of red carnations for him—and hardly gave himself time to sleep.

But every day he found time to write to the Queen, the letter being sent over by a special messenger. It is, to put it no higher, a pretty custom that couples who respect themselves should write daily, and one now entirely disregarded by the younger generation. They will telephone, but writing seems beyond their powers.

While the King was away the Queen went down to Sussex to visit some camps of London "vackies." She had lunch with the children in one camp, stewed steak and potatoes and jam tart, with a mug of water, at a total cost of 3d. and pronounced it "very good." Clearly the Royal Family are developing a taste for economical living, for we read that the Princesses have been in Aberdeen spending their sixpences and threepences at "Mr. Woollie's." All of which is simple, homely news in pleasant contrast with the ridiculous veil of invisibility in which ridiculous officials hid their Majesties during the early days of the war. It is said that the King insisted on his visit to France being given the fullest publicity, with a wise instinct for what it would mean both in France and here.

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Silly Idiots

A curious example of Bumbledom occurred on Sunday when the popular "Crazy Gang," who had come up from Brighton specially to help in an entertainment at the Prince of Wales's Theatre for war charities, were unable to give their show because some preposterous rule of the London County Council forbade them to put on any make-up, without which their turn was impossible. I cannot get an authoritative explanation of this absurdity. But apparently if you black your face or wear a false beard, your show becomes theatrical, but not otherwise. Miss Monica Whateley, one of the Labour veterans of the L. C. C., is to raise the question at the next meeting in order to get the ban rescinded. But I have very little doubt she will fail.

The number of people in this country who, unfortunately being invested with a little brief authority, try to force all their neighbours to the Procrustean frame of their own idea of virtue is always the amazement of other nations. The Chief Inspector of Police at Huddersfield has been trying to persuade the local magistrates not to allow dancing on Boxing Day to go on till 2 a.m. His argument was that the dancers would not be able to do their work properly next day. He evidently does not know much about it: it is not the next morning that one is tired after a dance, but the next night. The magistrates seem to have known this and they allowed the 2 a.m. dancing.

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Compulsorily Ants

Then there is Mr. J. M. Keynes, the tremendous economist, who urges that a percentage of the extra wages granted to the working-class in war time should be compulsorily withheld and invested in Government war loan. Actually this is no new idea. The argument for it is that if the millions of the proletariat are allowed to spend all the unwonted money they are now getting—as they assuredly will—there will be a dearth of things to buy (with everybody clamouring for them) and prices will rise. If they are forced, in the words of the old song, to "put a little bit away for a rainy day," prices will keep down and when the inevitable slump comes after the war, the working-class will have something to fall back upon.

Mr. Keynes' suggestion has raised loud protests and disagreement, not least of course from those who have never troubled to find out what he means. His scheme may or may not be good. But one thing is certain. No Government will dare to interfere with the right of the British working-class to be as wasteful as they please.

I see in today's "Daily Telegraph" that provincial shopkeepers are rejoicing in the tremendous demand for clothes, boots, furs, watches, etc., consequent on the all-round rise in wages. So there seems to be something in what Mr. Keynes says.

On the other hand the investment of "the little man" in the new War Bonds, which were specially designed for him, has been beyond all expectation. So he seems to be both saving and spending. It is all very confusing.

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They're Coming Along

Although girls generally have not succeeded as aviators, there are some brilliant exceptions. Eight of them, headed by Miss Pauline Gower, daughter of Sir Robert Gower, who was the first woman to hold an A and B flying licence, and at one time was doing stunts in an air circus, have been appointed to fly new R. A. F. training aircraft from factory to aerodrome. Each girl must have done 200 hours' flying and have passed an R. A. F. test in one of the new training machines. She will of course have to be ready to fly in all weathers.

But if most girls cannot fly aeroplanes, they can help make them. Descriptions have recently been published of the high speed work that is being done in our aircraft factories, and they all dwell on the number of girls who are taking part—girls who a few weeks ago were manicurists, typists, nursemaids or waitresses.

It may be that there are details in the making of an aeroplane which girls can do better than men. Otherwise their employment, when unfortunately there are so many men, including metal-workers, out of work, is likely to cause a good deal of jealousy. One of the railways, it is stated, is preparing to take on girl porters; and Birmingham has already began to employ girl bus conductors. I have heard some bitter comment on both these items of news. On the other hand, employment is steadily improving; more and more men are being called up for service. Before long it seems clear everyone will be at some sort of work. And after all these manicurists and waitresses had lost other jobs, and, unlike the scholar's horse, are obliged to eat.

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Brave Ladies

But what a piece of work is a woman, as well as a man! A week or two ago we read of a lady doctor in Norfolk who being the only doctor within reach went out with a lifeboat crew in search of a wreck where medical help was likely to be needed. The weather was terribly cold and stormy and she was very seasick. But not for anything would she give in although the lifeboat cruised for three or four hours without finding the wreck

This week, too, there was a stirring story of the wives of lifeboatmen at Lowestoft helping to launch and land the boat in high and dangerous seas. It is a tale that never loses by repetition. Yet in fact the records of every lifeboat round the coast could probably show the like. And without underrating such deeds, the very fact of doing something must in a way be a relief. The daunting part of a lifeboatman's wife—and even more of the wives of the hundreds of fishermen now engaged in the terrible business of mine-sweeping—must be the waiting for them to come back.

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Reaction To a Lover

Let me end on a more cheerful note. The new Lord Mayor of Birmingham has lately received a letter from a young man who wanted to buy a certain paving stone because a certain young lady had stood on it when she did him the honour of consenting to be his wife.

The Lord Mayor replied rather ungallantly that 20 years hence he might take a different view of the stone. But the young man was quite sure of himself. So the stone was taken up and delivered to him, with a pretty note (the Lord Mayor's manners were improving) expressing the hope that it would prove the foundation of many happy years.

All he was asked to pay was 10s. But after such a charming request Birmingham simply could not make a profit out of him.

B. W. A.

Monday, Feb. 5.—Badminton Tournament 2 p.m. Needlecraft Section 2 p.m. at 453 Yu Yuen Road. Social Service Board Annual Meeting 4.45 p.m.

Tuesday. Feb. 6.—Hospital Aid Department 9 to noon.

Wednesday, Feb. 7.—Red Cross Work 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Knitting 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. and 4.45 to 6 p.m.

Those attending the First Aid and Home Nursing Classes are advised that there will be no classes on Thursday, February 8, on account of Chinese New Year. This applies also to the War Work Meetings at Mrs. Henchman's, on Thursday, February 8 and Friday, February 9.

The Annual Meetings of Sections for which dates have been set are:—

Social Service Board, Monday, February 5, at Headquarters. Tea at 4 p.m.

Sports Section, Monday, February 12, at Headquarters 5 p.m.

Home and Garden Section, Friday, February 16, at Lady Mossop's, 65 Tunsin Road 10 a.m.

Musical and Dramatic Section, Thursday, February 22, at Headquarters at 10 a.m.

A Bridge and Mahjongg Tea will take place at Headquarters on February 23, in aid of Headquarters Fund. On account of the increased amount of work now being done better facilities are needed in the office. In order to defray the cost of more cupboards, etc., this Bridge and Mahjongg Tea has been arranged. The Executive Committee hopes members will give their full support. Tables are $8 and may be booked at the office, Tel. 10220.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association takes place on March 14, at 5.15 p.m.

A. W. C.

Members are reminded of the demonstration in the use of Chinese food, followed by a tiffin, that will take place in the Club room on Tuesday, February 6, at 11 a.m. On February 7 members of the Gardening Department are requested to meet at the home of Mrs. W. W. Jourdin, 20 Route Doumer, when Mr. W. J. Kerr, Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces, will talk on "The Continuity of Plants." The meeting will take place at 10 a.m.

The Music Department is greatly indebted to Mrs. Renner for kindly arranging a programme of music to be presented on February 13 by two unusually gifted Hungarian artists.

Mme Ibolya Feher Slotovsky, the pianist, is a pupil of Ernst von Dohnanyi, famous Hungarian composer and pianist, and has appeared with great success at concerts in Vienna, Budapest and Paris. Mr. Adlar, the violinist, is a member of the Shanghai Municipal Orchestra, and one of the best artists to be heard locally. It will be a pleasure also to hear Mrs. Renner taking part in the programme. Members should not miss this opportunity of hearing a delightful concernt.

Il Duce's Youngest Growing Up

Quite a young lady is Anna Maria Mussolini (right) who is seen chatting with classmates as she attended school for the first time. The picture was taken in the play ground of a school in Rome.

Airwomen's Flying Ambulance Corps

The Work of the Pioneer

Frenchwomen, the gay Parisiennes who lead the world in fashion, are extremely practical when the need arises. "La Belle France" is at war, and Frenchwomen are playing their part with an efficiency which matches that of their highly trained men. Nurses no longer find themselves in the comparative safety of base hospitals. Many of them are attached to the Flying Ambulance Corps, manned by women pilots and staffed by doctors and trained nurses.

This scheme to rescue the wounded on the battlefield by fast planes swooping down on well-marked ground stations with crews of nurses, stretcher-bearers, and effective medical aid has not been developed overnight. With typical French foresight for her country's needs, Mademoiselle Marie Marvingt, France's flying nurse and pioneer airwoman, has been working out a scheme to establish a flying hospital for nearly thirty years.

Need for Flying Hospitals

Through all these years Mlle Marvingt has harried officials in an attempt to convince them of the need for flying hospitals and for aircraft of a type required for the exigencies of war. Her persistency has won the day, and she won the right to organize "L'Aviation Sanitaire." Scores of women pilots and nurses have been recruited by her, and as part of her campaign to make it an international organization she has made several visits to America to confer with Government officials in that country. In her own country she had the co-operation of such authorities as the late Marshals Foch and Joffre and of more recent military leaders.

That her scheme has caught the imagination of the young women of her country is evident from the rush of recruits since the war began, and France has more than five hundred nurses with at least ten hours' flying experience, who are forming a special parachute corps. The civilian corps was formed by another French flier of fame, Maryse Hilz, who experimented with the parachutes. Dressed in full nursing uniform and carrying supplies, she made many parachute landings. These parachutes are to be used on occasions when weather or ground conditions make it impossible for the flying ambulances to land.

Third Woman Licensed

Almost unknown to the present generation outside her native France, where she lives in the little town of Nancy within sight of the Maginot Line, Marie Marvingt holds the distinction of having been the third woman licensed to fly. To-day she is the sole survivor of the original group of daring women who flew thirty years ago, when the Wrights and Curtiss joined top-flight French and English "birdmen" to make aviation history abroad.

She was a common soldier of France during the World War, serving with the "poilus" in the trenches after refusing a commission proffered her because of her training in hospital work.

It was out of her experiences in the war and in aviation—as a professional nurse and an old-time pilot and aviation enthusiast—that her "Aviation Sanitaire" was born. Her success in organizing the corps in France is what has led to the campaign for its spread among other peoples.

Mlle Marvingt, now a small, slender, somewhat greying woman in her early fifties, was a young woman, destined to a place among the women who have aided in conquering the air, when she watched the immortals at Rheims one hot summer day in 1909 and drew therefrom the inspiration and nerve for flying which has been hers since.

Piloted a Balloon in 1900

Blériot, Renard, Bunau-Varilla, Tissandier, Farman, Sommer, Lefebvre, Paulham, Latham, Curtiss, Lambert—these were among the names on everyone's lips during that historic week of the International Air Meet which was to take flying out of the category of necromancy and make the aeroplane a household word the world over. Henceforth it was to be an art to which men and women might turn without qualms lest their mental balance be questioned by relatives, friends, or even prospective heirs.

As Mlle Marvingt inspected the thirty-eight ships "on the line," watched Latham nonchalantly roll his own cigarette in flight, or giggled as Bunau-Varilla politely doffed his hat to the ladies each time he flew past the crudely-constructed, flag-decked grandstand, the urge to fly quickened within her.

"Oh, to pilot one of those ships of the sky," she said to herself over and over again.

Rheims wasn't the first place where Marie Marvingt had seen an aeroplane; even the air, as such, wasn't a new element for her. She had piloted spherical balloons as far back as 1900, and in the decade before the turn of the century she had watched Clement Ader, Tissandier, and others make glider experiments. She had even been on hand at Bagatelle, near Paris, for the spectacular take-off of the Brazilian Santos-Dumont in his diminutive Demoiselle in 1906—the first accredited heavier-than-air flight in Europe.

But it was at Rheims that Mlle Marvingt made up her mind to fly an aeroplane in her own right, to be a "pilote d'avion" as distinguished from a balloon pilot, in which classification she had already been breveted.

Trained by Latham

So she secured Latham for an instructor, and selected the Antoinesse machine, popular in that day, as best suited to her requirements. There were various interruptions in her training course, but she made progress.

"We watched the anemometer very closely in those days," she said in a recent interview, searching her memory to make vivid her recollections of those halcyon days of long ago. "If there was a wind of so much as five kilometres we would not dare chance it. Sometimes we were as long as two weeks between flights."

She had further instruction from Deperdussin at a military school at Rheims which had been established in 1910, and within a year she earned her brevet. Soon afterward, at Turin in 1911, she won the Coupe Femina for the first time by virtue of an endurance flight of fifty-six minutes.

To-day, with her predecessors, the Baroness de la Roche and Mme Leil, long since dead, she claims the title of first woman aeroplane pilot of the world.

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It is not necessary to have a very large garden in order to achieve real beauty and, although spacious lawns, wide herbaceous borders, and wonderful rose gardens are desirable possessions, the charming intimacy of the small garden which belongs to the average householder must not be overlooked.

Proportionately, the small garden is more suitable for the little house on a small block of land, and it has the advantage of being easily managed and economical to run if planned correctly.

Many people make the mistake of trying to cram too much into the small garden, laying out lawns, beds, and borders with an absolute disregard for the appearance it will assume when completed.

Unless they are wise in garden lore people lay up a store of trouble for themselves if they start planting indiscriminately without ascertaining first the nature of the soil, and what it needs to make it fertile.

Patience is Needed

Don't be in hurry to plant permanent subjects until convinced that the soil is just right. Heavy Shanghai soil should be made porous.

Clayey soil must be dug deeply, and have stable manure, decayed vegetable matter, or leaf mould incorporated with it. Drainage is most important, and the free use of lime will sweeten the soil.

If you have a clear vision of what you would like your garden to be, and the kind of flowers you want to grow, make a plan on paper.

By growing your own plants from seed the beds and borders can be kept blooming luxuriantly at a minimum of cost, and although beginners in the most fascinating of all hobbies—gardening—may make mistakes, these are profitable in the long run, as they teach what to do and what to avoid in order to save disappointment.

Present-day gardening is much simplified, for every need in the way of manure, fertilizers, insecticides, etc. is catered for by the many seed merchants and nurserymen, who are always glad to place their knowledge and experience at the service of the home gardener.

A Few Points to Remember

Plan the entrance to the garden as attractively as possible, so that those who enter may have the desire to see the beauties beyond.

If there is a lawn, see that it is kept neatly cut and well rolled.

A pergola or lattice should be made to conform with the general surroundings, and should form a support for a flowering creeper.

Hedges should be low and ornamental wherever possible.

Before planting shrubs find out the height, breadth, and habit, and allow them plenty of room so that they may be shown to advantage.

When Knitting Army Socks

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Only Rugby Men Defy Muddy Conditions and Play

Probable Interport Side to Meet Hongkong; Colony Expected Here Tomorrow

DESPITE the chilly wintry conditions that prevailed throughout Shanghai yesterday which necessitated the closing of the Race Course to all sports, Shanghai's rugbymen got in their hour's practice game as originally scheduled and though the match was played more as pipe opener the fact remained that no less than 25 players turned out and thoroughly soaked themselves in mud and slime before a halt was called. Thanks to the magnanimity of the Shanghai Waterworks, their sports ground at Kiaochow Road was utilized for the game and although conditions were all against good football some fine efforts were witnessed by a handful of spectators.

Scrums, line-outs and foot rushes were assiduously practised and if the weather conditions next Thursday when the interport with Hongkong takes place are anything like what they were yesterday, then the southerners are going to be in for a rough passage. The Shanghai Probable forwards were doing just as they pleased with the Possibles' pack, tackling, heeling, wheeling and holding the ball as they desired. There was plenty of fire about their work and capably led by Pearson, the front line showed up extremely well. As things are at present there appears every possibility that the pitch at the Canidrome on Thursday will be heavy, to say the least, and with the Colony accustomed to playing on cement-like grounds, they will find matters vastly different when they take the field for the big game.

Yesterday's practice was the last appearance of Shanghai's possibles and probables and though the final fifteen will probably not be picked for another 48 hours there seems little reason to doubt that it will be selected from the following players:—

W. N. Dickson, J. W. M. Martin, S. M. Thornley, A. Thomas, A. P. D. Kennedy, S. J. Ward, I. F. Aucott, J. R. Dickinson, W. D. Pearson, P. B. Fay, R. U. Reynolds, R. A. O. Mayne, A. Gammie, S. A. Wallace, M. O. Liddell, C. F. Pow and J. D. Sayle.

Shanghai's Chances

The Hongkong team, details of which have already been announced in these columns, is a well balanced side but since Shanghai beat them last year there is no reason to say why another victory should not be recorded for the local team. The Colony XV is much the same as it was twelve months ago and it is a noticeable fact that while many of its members are not old, they certainly are not young.

On the other hand, Shanghai's side contains a well-proportioned sprinkling of youth that, as the game proceeds, ought to come into its own. It is not to be thought that the Hongkong representatives are to be taken lightly. On the contrary their standard of football is probably higher than that of their opponents but it is doubtful whether their ageing forwards will be able to master the virile methods of the younger Shanghai pack and until they accomplish this, all their efforts will be in vain.

Bidwell May Lead Attack

True, Bidwell, well-known here, will be the spearhead of their attacking movements, but good as he is, he is not likely to get much ground to move in if the tactics of the local team go right.

It cannot truthfully be said that Shanghai has a super-team this winter but if Pearson can make his men work as they can do, then there is not the slightest reason for the local supporter to despair of Shanghai's chances of gaining the day.

Details as to the arrival of the Colony team are not yet forthcoming but it is probable that they will arrive here early tomorrow, after which they will make their way to the Canidrome to stretch their legs and get the feel of the ground and ball. Wednesday will be a free day for them but again they will probably be seen at the Canidrome.

At 11 a.m. Thursday the interport game will take place at the Canidrome, the referee being Mr. E. McLaren. The same evening the interport dinner will be held at the Shanghai Club while the following day the visitors will spend touring the town.

To Meet Marines

On Saturday at 11.30 a.m. the powerful United States Marines will oppose the Colony XV at the Canidrome with Mr. G. S. Dunkley in charge of the whistle. The interport dance will be held the same evening at the Country Club while, as arrangements stand at present, Hongkong will depart on the following day.

Details as to the selection of the Marine XV to meet the Hongkong side have not yet been made known but the Marines will certainly go all out to repeat their last victory over the southerners in 1937, when it will be remembered they easily defeated the visitors after the Colony had trounced Shanghai by no less than 14 points to 3.

Field Narrows in Handball Play

Only Six Players Still Survive in Championship At Foreign Y.M.C.A.

The Shanghai Open Handball Championship which is now being conducted at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. on a double-elimination basis is now reaching its final stages with three foreign and three Chinese players in running for the title. Actually only F. Tchakalian and Ho, the Chinese crack, have been undefeated in the games that have been played so far with Wurm, Sung, Hwa and Andrews all having suffered one loss. Still, the fact that it takes two defeats to put a man out the running has allowed the last four named exponents to continue and while it is generally conceded that F. Tchakalian or Ho will gain the championship there is a strong possibility that Andrews will cause a surprise and clinch the title.

Andrews' Success

During the past week Gecker comfortably accounted for Sartor after three games only to be defeated by Andrews with the greatest of ease. Andrews had previously defeated Ball without difficulty and in his encounter with Gecker he rather foolishly eased up after holding an eight-nil lead. Gecker then drew close and with a series of splendid drop shots and difficult placements gained the initial frame by 21-18. In the second and final games, however, Andrews toyed with his rival who gained but nine points in both heats.

A distinct surprise was caused when Sung disposed of M. Tchakalian, last year's winner and the favourite for the current series. Sung, however, was beaten by M. Tchakalian, F. Tchakalian's brother in the next heat but the loser, since it was his first defeat, will live to fight another day in the path to the finals, his next opponent being Wurm who was beaten by Ho after a hard game.

Almost Uncanny

The winner of the battle between Wurm and Sung will take on the victor of the Hwa-Andrews clash and though several results are possible, Andrews is the favourite to go through to the final and meet the winner of the M. Tchakalian-Ho contest. On his day Andrews is well nigh unbeatable, his shots off the front wall being almost uncanny while his service nets him ace after ace. He varies his play judiciously, soft drops off the floor being mixed up in bewildering fashion with full-blooded drives that leave his opponent flat-footed. On the other hand both M. Tchakalian and Ho are extremely clever players who are never defeated until the final point has been scored. Ho revels in baffling his adversaries with his apparent soft shots and cleverly placed balls along the side walls while Tchakalian is a past master at all phases of the game. He can adapt himself immediately to the type of game played by his opponent and though he has a lot of weight to carry about the court it is rarely that he is caught out of position.

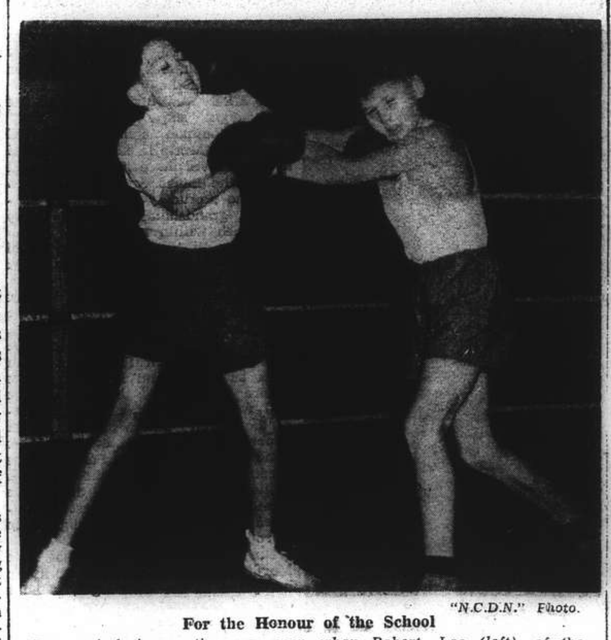
Robert Riggs

U.S. and Wimbledon tennis champion has just been married.

Nestell Knocked Out By Walker

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 4.

Young Jack "Buddy" Walker stepped into the national boxing spotlight last night when he scored his 15th consecutive victory over Bob Nestell, Los Angeles heavyweight, here. Walker knocked out Nestell in the third round of a scheduled 10-round bout. Young Walker is only a year removed from the preliminary ranks.—United Press.



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For the Honour of the School

Fast and furious action was seen when Robert Lee (left) of the Western District Public School met Jerry Tinling of the American School in one of the bouts of the inter-school programme held at the American School on Saturday afternoon. Lee won the decision on this bout and so helped his school to win the trophy by a score of 20-19.

Cricket Authority Proposes Scheme for Wartime Play

Country Regional League Suggested; Two-day Week-end Matches Said Feasible

London, Feb. 4.

THE suggestion made at the Lancashire annual meeting for Regional County Cricket next season gives rise to many ideas. After careful consideration, an authority on the game, who knew the conditions that prevailed during the last war, has set out a plan that might prove workable without serious hindrances. Played each week-end on Saturdays and Mondays, two-day matches would be welcome to service men on leave who could supplement their colleagues on home duty. Both first-class and second-class countries could take part. There are seventeen counties in each tournament.

Cricketers all over the country will want to play cricket of the type to which they have been accustomed, and there need not be any concern about disparity of strength when Yorkshire meet Cheshire or Devon face Gloucestershire. The surprise element, rife in Regional football, would have repetition in the cricket contests.

The thirty-four counties could be divided into four groups. The following lists give nine each in North and Midlands, eight each in South and West.

North:—Yorkshire, Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Cheshire, Durham, Staffordshire, Northumberland.

Midlands:—Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, Bedfordshire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Suffolk.

South:—Middlesex, Surrey, Essex, Kent, Sussex, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire.

West: — Gloucestershire, Somerset, Glamorgan, Hampshire, Wiltshire, Dorset, Cornwall, Devon.

Good Grounds

Possibly a few counties could not see their way to enter. The M.C.C. might fill a vacancy. Some clubs have lost their headquarters but there are available plenty of good grounds where second eleven and "Club and Ground" matches are played every season.

Surrey have experimented successfully at Guildford and, apart from Middlesex, all the other counties have distributed their tournament fixtures for many years.

With eight competitors in a group there could be seven "home and home" engagements on fourteen week-ends. Points on the second-class county principle seen advisable. The two top clubs in each group might play for the Championship and so make a good wind-up in August.

Test Rising Talent

The difficulty of getting together representative sides would furnish the opportunity to try out rising talent. There are plenty of youngsters on every ground staff. Several under 20 showed their quality last season. The need of the moment might discover more batsmen of the Hutton and Denis Compton class. From the Universities, Schools and Clubs recruits would be available and the "village green", sometimes described as the backbone of the game, must not be overlooked. There is talent in every cricket pavilion.

Many county players past the age for active service are still capable bowlers and batsmen. Herbert Sutcliffe, Patsy Hendren, George Geary, W. E. Astill, L. C. Eastman and Phil Mead may be mentioned in this category.

The best cricket possible must be the call for the summer. County clubs then can keep going by the encouragement of new players and the arrangement of games that will give their loyal members good value for subscriptions.—Reuter.

Interporters Will Arrive Tomorrow

Plans Made to Entertain Hongkong Football Team During Stay Here

Shanghai is ready to receive the Hongkong Interport Football team and the local Association has completed all arrangements. The visitors will arrive here tomorrow and, if time permits, will probably go out to the Canidrome for a short practice in order to shake off their sea legs.

The Interport Match is scheduled to take place on Thursday, February 8, beginning at 2.30 p.m. Archie Sinclair will be the referee and will be assisted by O. G. R. Beynon and L. Chang on the side-lines.

On the following afternoon, commencing at 3 p.m., the southerners will play the Chinese XI. W. T. Sung has been named as referee and he will receive the help of A. Hurry and F. C. Hale from the side-lines.

The third and last game is to be played on Sunday, beginning at 10.30 a.m. S. E. Burt will do the whistling with W. F. Field and T. H. Ho assisting on the side-lines.

Music at Interport

As a side attraction the local Association has secured the services of Don Jose and his Orchestra who, through the courtesy of the management of the Lido Ballroom, will render music before and during the intervals of the three encounters of the series.

Tickets are now on sale at Squires, Bingham, Ltd., Nanking Road. It was announced by the local Association that the three matches will be held irrespective of weather conditions. That is, rain or shine.

Entertainment for Visitors

Although the visitors' stay here will be a short one, a good programme has been arranged to entertain them. The night before the Interport Match the visiting team will be invited to a show by the S.F.A. On the night of their game against the Chinese the visitors will be the guests of the Lido Recreation Association to a Chinese dinner party at Lido. The next evening the Hongkong players are invited to attend the Darts Social at the Police Club.

On the night of February 11, Sunday, the big Interport Dinner will take place in the private ballroom of the Lido Gardens.

Next Monday evening there will be a cocktail party at Clube Lusitano which probably will be the last function to be held in honour of the visitors.

Canidrome Results

1—300 yd. flat.—1, Saowdrift II; 2, Chihli Black Dragon.
Also ran:—Gator, Dopey, Bebben, Hei Jen Ya Kiao.
Short head.—Time, 18.79.
Win, $39.70. Forecast 3-6 Div. $262.40.
Place, 1st $16.20; 2nd $12.70.

2—440 yd. flat.—1, Sapphire; 2, Lucky Jim.
Also ran:—Golden Dawn, Shenkoland II, Amethyst, Shadow.
7 lengths.—Time, 27.51.
Win, $12.50. Forecast 5-2 Div. $40.70.
Place, 1st $7.30; 2nd $7.30.
Double Event 1/2 3-5 Div. $62.40.

3—440 yd. flat.—1, City Brat; 2, Captain Charming.
Also ran:—Golden Adagio, Dusty Lad, Fresh Match, Great Ramblet.
½ length.—Time, 27.92.
Win, $28.40. Forecast 4-2 Div. $39.00.
Place, 1st $11.20; 2nd $15.
Double Event 2/3 5-4 Div. $41.20.

4—500 yd. flat.—1, Rio Princess; 2, Luss Shore.
Also ran:—Sandals, Saarland, Slippery Sam, Sam Holer.
4 lengths.—Time, 32.17.
Win, $10.60. Forecast 5-6 Div. $45.60.
Place, 1st $7.10; 2nd $10.30.
Double Event 3/4 4-5 Div. $30.60.

5—500 yd. flat.—1, Master Bill; 2, Go Softly.
Also ran:—Assurance, Go Smiling, Judy, Our Fortune.
Short head.—Time, 31.39.
Win, $18.80. Forecast 6-5 Div. $59.60.
Place, 1st $10.30; 2nd $9.30.
Double Event 4/5 5-6 Div. $18.80.

6—500 yd. flat.—1, Candid Attack; 2, Sibell.
Also ran:—Chop Fante, Fire Brigade, Spermin Lecitin, Old Cashmere.
1 length.—Time, 30.96.
Win, $30.30. Forecast 6-5 Div. $147.30.
Place, 1st $14.90; 2nd $18.60.
Double Event 5/6 6-6 Div. $46.50.

7—500 yd. flat.—1, Chihli Blue Arrow; 2, Only Brother.
Also ran:—Major, Marchioness, Talisman, High Brow.
5 lengths.—Time, 30.86.
Win, $46.40. Forecast 1-5 Div. $400.30.
Place, 1st $17.80; 2nd $11.40.
Double Event 6/7 6-1 Div. $132.00.

8—500 yd. flat.—1, Hostess; 2, Nocturne.
Also ran:—Gigolo, Grey Vulcan, Tamerlane, Daleson.
1½ length.—Time, 30.83.
Win, $14.30. Forecast 6-5 Div. $81.20.
Place, 1st $11.10; 2nd $14.40.
Double Event 7/8 1-6 Div. $223.90.

9—500 yd. flat.—1, Monica Troy; 2, So Far City.
Also ran:—Woodstock Ivan, Inverspey, Careless Rapture, Woodstock Robin.
1½ length.—Time, 30.39.
Win, $19.80. Forecast 5-6 Div. $51.90.
Place, 1st $8.30; 2nd $8.50.
Double Event 8/9 6-5 Div. $23.90.

10—500 yd. flat.—1, Woodstock Malt; 2, Alton Classic.
Also ran:—Royal Navy, Sonny Beaufort, Shanghai Girl, Flying Duchess.
3½ lengths.—Time, 29.68.
Win, $18.40. Forecast 6-1 Div. $158.
Place, 1st $10.60; 2nd $17.60.
Double Event 9/10 5-6 Div. $28.40.

11—650 yd. flat.—1, Feeldale; 2, Pearl's Pride.
Also ran:—Jackie's Lady, Shanghai Life, Merry Mike, Olympia.
1 length.—Time, 41.48.
Win, $28.70. Forecast 2-3 Div. $231.70.
Place, 1st $14.90; 2nd $18.80.
Double Event 10/11 6-2 Div. $58.10.
Cash Sweep:—1st Dog No. 87; 2nd Dog No. 1055; 3rd Dog No. 1217.
Unplaced:—901, 611, 1344.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

The Deciding Bout of The Contest

Herbie Gallop (SAS) on the left is seen in action against Roy Ling, captain of the winning team in Saturday's school boxing.

King's Entries in This Year's Races

Merry Wanderer to Run in July Stakes at Newmarket

The King's entries in important two-year-old races this year include Merry Wanderer in the July Stakes at Newmarket, Longships and Merry Wanderer in the Chesterfield Stakes at Newmarket, Longships in the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood, Longships and Merry Wanderer in the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster, Longships in the Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket, and Longships in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket.

Solim Hassan, who was bought for 4,000 guineas at the recent sale of the Aga Khan's yearlings at Newmarket, has been entered by Mr. W. U. Goodbody in the Gimcrack Stakes at York, the July Stakes at Newmarket, the Champagne Stakes.—Reuter.

Moses to Sign with Athletics

Philadelphia, Feb. 4.

Outfielder Wally Moses has agreed to the contract terms offered him by the Philadelphia Athletics and will sign his contract within a day or so, it was learned today.—United Press.

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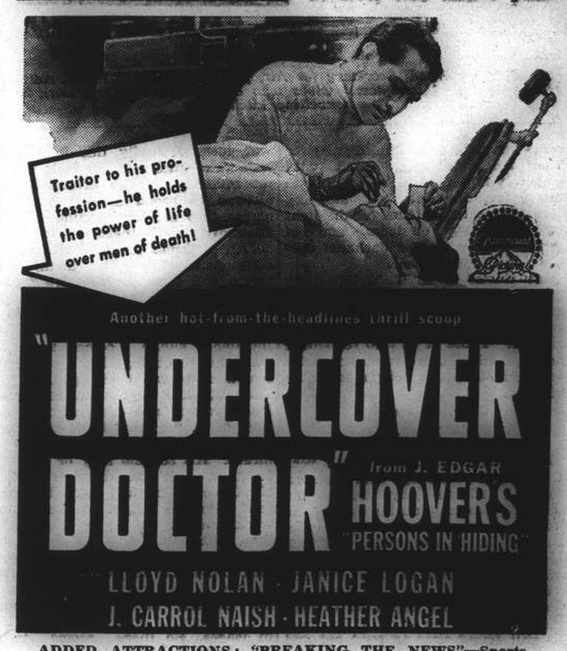
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World of Sport at Home

No Betting Call-Over at Victoria Club; Great Record by Grimmett; Cycling 75,000 Miles

London, Jan. 11.

THERE will be no betting call-over at the Victoria Club, London, on the Lincolnshire Handicap, and the Grand National Steeplechase. It is unlikely that there will be any call-over until the war is over. Lincoln Town Council want ideas for improving their race meeting where the Lincolnshire Handicap will be run on April 3. There is one reservation. They must not cost a lot of money. An extensive rebuilding scheme which had been planned had to be shelved on account of the war. Free hot drinks to patrons, and the provision of braziers in the public stands if the weather is bad, are among the suggestions now being considered. The council want to make Lincoln famous for its food and special attention is being directed to the catering. The stands are to be redecorated and the public rooms refurnished. Car parking arrangements have been revised to facilitate a quick get-away. If the war continues, there may be more than one meeting at Lincoln this year.

A joint meeting of the directors of the Bradford (Park Avenue) and Bradford City Football Clubs has taken place at Bradford, to discuss the question of football in war time. It was afterwards announced that there would probably be a further meeting in the near future. It is understood that one of the main questions under discussion was the possibility of playing the matches of both clubs on one ground on alternate Saturdays, in order to save expense. The lease of the Bradford Park Avenue expires on August 31 next. The small gates have hit this club hard. Its rental is heavy and, together with rates, the standing charges amount to nearly £1,000 a year. If amalgamation comes about, matches will probably be played at Valley Parade, the ground of the City club.

Plans for Scottish Cup

Representatives of the thirty-two clubs taking part in the Scottish League regional competitions have met at Glasgow, and decided to support a plan proposed by the League for a knock-out tournament in May. In order that an amicable arrangement can be made with the Scottish Football Association it was also decided that representatives of the League should confer with the S.F.A. Originally the S.F.A. desired that the thirty-eight clubs which were members of the League when war broke out should take part in the cup competition in February. In any case permission has to be obtained from the Government before any knock-out tournament can take place.

Grimmett's Great Record

At Brisbane, on January 10 C. V. Grimmett, set the seal on a great career when he took his 500th wicket in Sheffield Shield cricket. He was playing for South Australia against Queensland, who surprised everybody by beating the holders by two wickets. At the critical stage in the match, Queensland with five wickets in hand and needing only a few runs for victory, lost three wickets, to Grimmett for four runs. But Watt, held on doggedly and, with the help of Dixon, prevented a collapse. Grimmett's first wicket gave him his 500. L. O'B. Fleetwood-Smith, who has taken 241 wickets in Shield cricket, is his nearest rival. Grimmett now 47, has been bowling with his old ability this season and has taken 38 wickets in five shield matches. Queensland had lost their four previous matches this season, whereas South Australia, for whom Bradman has been performing wonders, were undefeated.

Public Schools' Rugby

The South of England Public Schools beat the North of England Public Schools in the annual match on the Old Deer Park at Richmond on Jan. 10 by a goal, and five tries (20 points) to two gaols, a penalty goal, and a try (16 points). The South owed much to the play of their forwards, among whom R. Crouch (Felsted) was very prominent scoring three tries. A.B.W. Pennell (Dulwich) C. R. Fielden (Bedford) W. O. Backus (Kingswood) and E. LL. Moslyn (St. Edward's Oxford), were also prominent in several rushes. In the South back division J.F.T. Middleditch, (The Leys) played well at left centre and was difficult to stop when in his stride. Both wing three-quarters G. B. Palau (St. Edwards Oxford) and W. S. Peare (K.C.S Wimbledon) caused the North defence many anxious moments. At full back D. G. Carter (King's, Canterbury), fielded and kicked an awkwardly bouncing ball with coolness and sound judgment. The North had two outstanding players in their back division K.A.N. Spray (Oundle) at the right centre and A. L. Evans (Worksop) on the left wing. C. M. Edghill (Christ's Brecon) and M.A. Sutton (Ampleforth) were their best forwards.

£5 Fine For a Player

Evans, the Fulham half-back, sent off the field during the West London Derby game with Brentford on December 16, has been fined £5 by the Football Association. The sending off of Evans was the climax to much keen-edged though not ugly feeling. Manley, the Brentford skipper asked the referee to let him stay. Both clubs protested in a well-mannered way to the F.A., that the sending-off was out of proportion to any alleged offence.

Slim, fair-haired Alec Brown, favourite for the "Daily Mail" Snooker Gold Cup, which, at thirty, he won last year, cleared the table in a run of 126 against Fred Davis, on Jan. 10 at Manchester. Score was 126-0!

It was a personal record for Alec, his first century under standard table conditions and twelve short of Joe Davis's world record of 138 against Brown on December 9 1938.

B.B.B. of C. Suspend Fourteen

The Southern Area Council of the British Boxing Board, of Control had before them at the Board offices, London on Jan. 10, licence holders who, it was alleged had taken part in the unlicensed tournament promoted by Sydney Hulls at the Stadium Club, London, on January 1.

Cycled 75,000 Miles in Year

Every day was the same to Tommy Godwin, a young professional cyclist. He slept five hours one day, seven the next and spent the rest of his time cycling at 15 m.p.h. He set out on January 1, to cycle 200 miles a day for 500 days. By December 21, he had covered 75,065 miles, and had beaten the existing world record by more than 12,000 miles. He hopes to cover the remaining 25,000 miles by May next. On Jan. 10 he rode his all-white Raleigh cycle through thick fog from Stoke-on-Trent to Nottingham. There he was presented with trophies to commemorate his record ride. He uses a four-speed Sturmey-Archer gear, and has dynamo lighting for black-out riding.

Godwin has his meals in snack bars, and although he has cycled twice as far as a hard-worked motor-car travels in a year, he is heavier now than he was when he started out.

Following the decision of the Scottish Bowling Association's annual general meeting to inaugurate a War Fund, the special committee met in Glasgow to formulate plans to place before constituent clubs. A circular is to be sent to constituent clubs setting forth the aims of the effort and making certain suggestions as to how money might be raised. The committee feel assured that Scottish bowlers will loyally respond to the appeal made to their generosity.

Cotton's Marriage To a Golfer

£750 Awarded to Boy Who Was Struck by a Cricket Ball; Richards Injured

London, Jan. 15.

Henry Cotton, 32, the famous golfer, was married to Mrs. Marie Isabel Moss, 37, at Caxton Hall Register Office. Born in the Argentine, Mrs. Moss, former wife of Mr. Enrique Moss, has two daughters, and is a wealthy woman with large properties in that country. Cotton met her while on tour in South America. Two years ago she won the Austrian Women's Open Championship, and has successfully partnered Cotton in mixed foursomes tournaments both in this country and on the Continent.

Lancashire Asking for Matches

Member of Lancashire County Cricket Club at the annual meeting at Manchester asked the committee to do all in their power to influence the M.C.C. to permit some form of cricket next summer, if the war continues. Even if there is no cricket, the members agreed to pay half their subscription fees of two guineas. At the same time it was revealed that 200 members had resigned since the outbreak of hostilities. Lancashire have decided to continue the winter pay of their professionals until the end of March, when the position will be reviewed. Last season the club made a profit of £957.

£750 for Boy Cricketer

A boy whose skull was fractured when a ball hit by a batsman struck him in the face was awarded £750 damages by Mr. Justice Humphreys at Sussex Assizes at Lewes. He was John A. T. Barfoot, of Stafford Road, Seaford, who claimed damages from the East Sussex County Council. Referring to a statement by Maurice Tate the Sussex and England cricketer, that in the circumstances it would not be more dangerous forward of the wicket than square with the wicket the judge said: "With fear and trembling I venture to differ from Mr. Maurice Tate. The master in charge of the game had denied that the boy was placed at silly mid-square leg. The boy moved nearer to the batsman of his own accord.

Gordon Richards in Car Crash

Gordon Richards, champion jockey, suffered slight concussion and had his nose cut when, in the black-cut, his car ran into a lamp-post as he was going from Newmarket to his home at Marlborough.

Claims Money Back

The question of a repayment to a football club season ticket holder was the subject of a "test" case at Bolton County Court. James Henry Dilworth, of Arkwright Street, Bolton, claimed 15s from Bolton Wanderers Football and Athletic Club, Ltd. He alleged that the 15s. was paid to the club upon a consideration which had, in part, failed. It was stated that he used three of the 43 tickets specified in the book. Judge Crosthwaite ruled that Mr. Dilworth was unable to recover the money he had paid just as the club would have been unable to sue for the money if it had been due to them.

Worcester C.C. Club Carries On

Worcestershire County Cricket Club has asked its members to abandon the club during this difficult time. It is pointed out that after a long struggle the club came within sight of financial and playing success. Should the normal programme be impossible next summer members are invited to send half a guinea annually to the club until county cricket restarts. The balance-sheet reveals a loss of £82 on last season. The benefit to Mrs. Bull realized £116. So far only nine members have resigned.

Terrace Wins January Golf at Hungjao

Followed by Capt. Marsh In Medal Play

Following were the results of January Through the Month competitions at the Hungjao Golf Club last month.

16 HOLES MEDAL (STROKE) PLAY

	H'cap	Score
T. S. M. Terrace	6	73
Capt. J. E. Marsh	Scr.	74

36 Entries

18 HOLES RUNNING POOL

C. F. King	18	26
A. P. Nazer	16	25

47 Entries

Acrobatics on Ice

Large audiences in New York were delighted by the graceful acrobatic work done in seemingly effortless style by this young skater not long ago. Her chief item of interest was a flying sommersault which was done in spectacular style. In this picture she is shown in the course of the sommersault.

Colony's Interport XI Given Test

Team Coming to Shanghai Fails to Impress Writer In Hongkong

The soccer team to meet Saigon next month had a run out at Caroline Hill yesterday against a side composed mostly of players who will make the trip to Shanghai. Little good or serious football was played, the game being designed merely to give the players an opportunity to become used to each other. Hongkong were defeated by the only goal of the match; scored by David Leonard in the last minute says the "South-China Morning Post" of January 25.

Some very disappointing displays were given and although they won, the team to go to Shanghai were by far the bigger offenders. The forward line was very poor and the insides never at any time showed the slightest glimmer of understanding or combination. Fox, centre, did not receive a decent pass from either Ernie Strange or Leonard and was given no chance to repeat his recent goal scoring feats. Leonard played far too much individual football and always preferred to shoot from well out rather than pass.

Guy Checks Li

Strange was not too selfish but could never get his passes going properly; they either went straight to the man or else behind him. Honniball and Cheung Yung-sam had a quiet afternoon on the wings; the latter was slightly the better, although Honniball put one or two quite useful passes across. Guy played magnificently at centre and gave Lee Wai-tong absolutely no rope. Guy is undoubtedly the find of the season. Hussain did not fit in at right half and was inclined to do far too much talking. Maxwell worked hard at left half and was steady.

Hills is not going to Shanghai and will be a great loss as he and Guy were by far the best of the defence. Mexham was tested for the first time in recent matches and came out with honours. He has a good habit of having every ball covered with his ample breadth of body. The Colony has nothing to worry about as regard their custodian.

Robinson Outstanding

Robinson was again magnificent in the Hongkong goal, and seems to have entirely recovered from the bad spell he had a few weeks ago when he appeared to be suffering from loss of confidence. Blackbourne did well, as did Hau Yung-sang, who did not relish playing left back. Hsu King-shing stood out in the half backs and always had the measure of Leonard. Williamson covered a lot of ground at centre half without ever being outstanding, but he gave Fox plenty to think about on occasions.

Fowler played a grand game on the right wing and seems equally at home there as in the centre. Fung King-cheong could not gain his usual delightful passes over to Lee Wai-tong, who was too well marked and in consequence seemed at a loss to know when to part with the ball. Bickford was handicapped for speed, but taking things all round played a good game.

Hongkong.—Robinson; Blackbourne, Hau Yung-sang; Tsang Chun-wan, Williamson, Hsu King-shing; Fowler, Fung King-cheong, Lee Wai-tong, Tan Woon-cheung, Bickford.

Rest.—Mexham; Hills, Bone; Hussain, Guy, Maxwell; Cheung Yung-sam, D. Leonard, Fox, E. Strange, Honniball.

University were due to play Engineers at Happy Valley in the second division yesterday, but failed to appear. Engineers, who had come from Sun Wai to play, waited the normal half an hour and returned.

"Dizzy" Dean Says His Arm is Well Again

Chicago, Feb. 4.

Pitcher "Dizzy" Dean "sounded off" again yesterday, claiming that his pitching arm does not hurt any more when he plays golf.

The Chicago Cubs right-hander claims that he expects to finish the games he starts this season and win. "Dizzy" told reporters he had worked off 14 pounds in five weeks and now weighs 194 pounds, 18 digits less than when he reported for work last season.—United Press.

New World Record in U.S. Established

New York, Feb. 4.

John Borican, National A.A.U. outdoor pentathlon champion, representing the Shore Athletic Club, established a new world's record here today in the three-quarter mile run, with a time of 3:2/16. The former record for this event, 3:3/14, was set by Lloyd Hahn, of Kansas, in 1925.

Don Lash, representing the Indiana Police, beat Gregory Rice, National A.A.U. 5,000 metre champion in the two mile event, with a time of 9:00/19.—United Press.

R.A.F. and Royal Navy Beaten at Rugby

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 1.

Only one Rugby League match was played yesterday, and it resulted in Plymouth beating Bristol City by 10 points to three in the south-western division.

All other English and Scottish regional Rugby League matches were postponed.

Rugby Union fixtures fared a little better, three games being witnessed. Playing at home, Neath trounced the Royal Air Force by 28-3, while Swansea lost to Swansea Valley by 11-3 and Torquay beat the Royal Navy by 24-6.—Reuter.

Entries Published For Classics

French Entries for Derby Numerous; 1941 Races to Be Well Supported

London, Feb. 3.

The Racing Calender has published entries for the classic races in 1941, the Derby, the Oaks, the Two Thousand Guineas, the One Thousand Guineas and the St. Leger.

The Derby has received 211 entries as compared with 345 for this year's race. The King has nominated two horses, Longships and Merry Wanderer. Longships is a colt by Limelight out of Ocean Nymph, and Merry Wanderer is a colt by Robin Goodfellow out of Frivole.

He has also entered these two horses in the Two Thousand Guineas but only Longships in the St. Leger. From this—it may be deduced that Longships is expected to be a stayer, for the St. Leger is two furlongs and 132 yards longer than the Derby.

French Support

French entries are numerous. Baron Edouard de Rothschild, M. Leon Volterra and Mr. Edward Esmond have nominated five each, and Princesse de Faucigny Lucinge, four. The Duke of Westminster, who has raced on a comparatively small scale in this country of late years, has entered no fewer than eight.

More This Year

There are 182 entries for the Oaks of 1941, 182 for the Two Thousand Guineas, 168 for the One Thousand Guineas, and 194 for the St. Leger. These compare with 302 for this year's Oaks, 279 for the Two Thousand Guineas, 279 for the One Thousand Guineas and 339 for the St. Leger.

Entries for Oaks

The King has entered Foretaste and Mistress Tudor for the Oaks, and Foretaste for the One Thousand Guineas. Foretaste is a filly by Umidwar out of Feola, and Mistress Tudor is a filly by Bosworth out of Foxy Sal.

A sum of £3,000 is added to the Derby as usual, but the smaller entry will mean less money for the owner of the winner.—Reuter.

Golfdom's Big Names Begin New Tourney

U.S. Open Champion Among Competitors at Phœnix

Phœnix, Arizona, Feb. 4.

The biggest names in golfdom began swinging yesterday in the first 18 holes of the U.S.$3,000 Phœnix Open Golf Tournament. Byron Nelson, U.S. open champion, was one of the late starters in the race for the U.S.$700 first prize money.

The pros finished 18 holes yesterday and were to complete the remaining 36 holes of the 54-hole tournament today.—United Press.

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Seaforth Highlander Found Shot Dead

Shot through the head, Private Joseph Roy, of the Seaforth Highlanders, was discovered lying in the Officers' quarters at the Racecourse Billets yesterday morning. He was immediately rushed to the British Military Hospital but was pronounced dead upon arrival.

The body was then removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors but no arrangements have yet been made for the funeral. Mr. C. H. Haines, H.M. Coroner, was notified yesterday of the death of Private Roy and an inquest will be opened today. Roy was employed as an officer's servant.

Novel Golf Match Postponed

Cotton and Compston to Play Old Timers Using Gutta-Percha Ball

London, Jan. 20.

Golfers were disappointed to learn that the exhibition match in aid of the Red Cross, in which Henry Cotton and Archie Compston were to have met the two veteran James Braid and J. H. Taylor, on the Royal Mid-Surrey Course at Richmond on January 14 had to be postponed indefinitely. Cotton and Compston were to have played with the old-fashioned gutta-percha ball, while Braid and Taylor were to have had the advantage of using the modern rubber-cored ball. Efforts are being made to make fresh arrangements for the match. If the game is played over another course it is possible that another famous veteran, Alexander Herd, may take the place of Taylor who seemed, for unknown reasons, to have raised some very late objections to the match taking place. Herd was the first man to win the British Open Championship with a rubber-cored ball, when he triumphed at Hoylake in 1902.

Davis Makes Another 100

World snooker champion, Joe Davis, recorded his ninth century break of the season and the 108th of his career while defeating Sydney Lee by 35 frames to 26 in the "Daily Mail" Gold Cup tournament at Thurston's on January 13.

Davis had not previously won a heat in this year's tournament but he had been in his most brilliant form in this game with Lee, to whom he had to concede 45 points in each frame. Breaks: Davis, 48 and 67: Lee, 39.

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Japan Seeks New Trade Pact with France

Adverse Effect of Yunnan Railway Bombing

Paris, Feb. 4.

Japan has proposed the negotiation of a new Franco-Japanese trade pact applicable during war-time to succeed the peace-time treaty negotiated in June, it was reliably learned here last night.

Japan wants to negotiate in behalf of Japan, Manchoukuo, North China, and the new "government" of Wang Ching-wei, leader of the rump "Kuomintang," thus virtually forcing the recognition of Wang Ching-wei's "government," despite the recent French declaration that France recognizes only the Chungking Government.

Meanwhile, French sources stress that the recent raid on the Yunnan railway, in which five French women and children were said to have been killed, occurred while Franco-Japanese discussions were in progress concerning the January bombardment of the railway. The French insist on their right to operate the railway.—United Press.

Tobacco Under Pact

Athens, Feb. 4.

Britain, under the Anglo-Greek trade pact, has agreed to purchase Greek tobacco valued at £800,000 annually, or about twelve per cent. of Greece's total exports of £6,500,000 worth of tobacco each year, it was learned here yesterday. This is a substantial increase in shipments to Britain, it was said, but still leaves the usual 50 per cent. of the crop available to Germany if she can use it.—United Press.

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Manila, Feb. 4.

General Douglas MacArthur, military adviser to the Philippines Army and former chief-of-staff of the U.S. Army, intends to begin construction a "Maginot Line" at Luzon within the next three years, according to a report filed in the Philippines Assembly yesterday by Assemblymen Maximo M. Kalaw.

Sr. Kalaw's report also favoured the establishment of a government coconut bag factory for national defence purposes. The French Government is using coconut fiber bags on the Maginot Line because such material resists decay, he said. General MacArthur also favours the construction of such a factory since thousands of fibre bags will be needed for Philippines defences, Sr. Kalaw's report said.—United Press.

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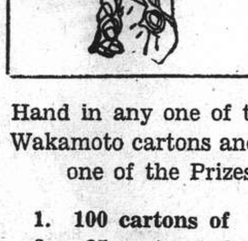

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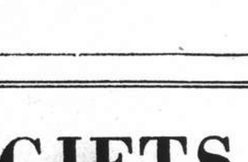

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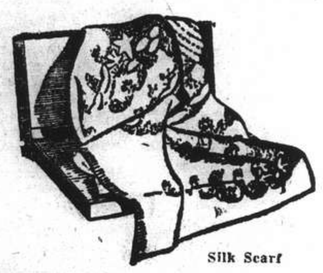

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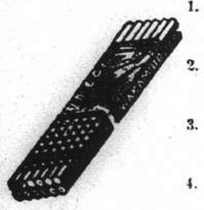

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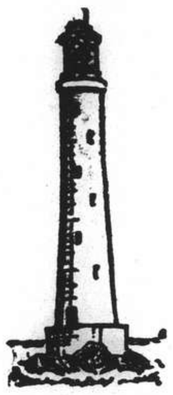

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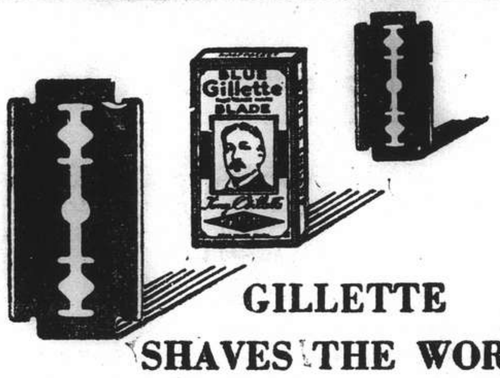

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DEATH

FOWLER.—On January 28, 1940, at Maidenhead, England, Mary Fowler, aged 90, widow of the late William Fowler, formerly of Shanghai and Bedford. (By Cable.)

IMPARTIAL NOT NEUTRAL

BALKAN CONFERENCE

While there are still four days in which one or other of the members of the Balkan Entente,—Turkey, Greece, Rumania and Yugoslavia,—can give notice of its termination, it is now taken for granted by most well-informed quarters that the fact, that up to now no such notice has been given, means that the understanding will automatically be renewed for a period of another seven years. That in itself is a development which it is hoped will prove a happy augury for the conference which is proceeding at Belgrade, the results of which may have a profound effect not only upon the situation in that part of the world, but also upon the present war. The interplay of political forces in the Balkans has always been great, but never more so than now when the various states are playing roles of very considerable importance, because of the enormous interest the great Powers have in them. Germany wants food and oil in increasing quantities as something of an offset against the Allied blockade. She would also like to prevent a military bloc of the Balkan states, calculated to strengthen their potential resistance. Italy has been working for an improvement in the relations between Hungary, Yugoslavia, and Rumania, which would strengthen them with Italian aid against any Russian advance. There is a certain amount of Italian jealousy of Turkey which in turn has considerable interest in Bulgaria, but both Italy and Turkey, anxious to see a strengthening of the position of the Balkan States have wisely been endeavouring to persuade Hungary and Bulgaria respectively to moderate their claims against the Entente nations, the general idea being at least to maintain the *status quo* until the present war has come to an end. For the time being Russia is unlikely to bring any pressure to bear upon Rumania concerning Bessarabia, having her hands more than full with the Finns, but it is to be expected that sooner or later she will seek the return of that area either by political pressure or military force. King Carol has repeatedly announced his intention of maintaining the present integrity of his kingdom and may be expected to resist any Russian invasion.

The grave danger of the situation arises from Germany's great need of the wherewithal to carry on the war which the naval action of the Allies has denied her. Despite the fact that Italy is firmly opposed, and will assist in resisting any Russian encroachment into the Balkans, there is the possibility, that an agreement may in the future be reached between the Reich and the Soviet for a literal carving up of Rumania between them, whereby Germany would secure control of the supply of much needed essentials, together with a port or ports on the Black Sea, and Russia would satisfy its territorial ambitions. It is not to be believed that Herr Hitler would hold his hand because of any understanding which may have hitherto existed between Rome and Berlin. Italy has clearly served Herr Hitler's purpose, and if he has to choose between Rumanian supplies and Italian political support, the desperation of his position may eventually cause him to throw Italy overboard. To all intents and purposes that was done when the Reich signed the non-aggression Pact with Russia in August last year, for by doing that Herr Hitler clearly showed the Italian, Japanese and German pact against the Komintern to be the shoddy thing it was so long as it had to depend upon Herr Hitler's good faith. It follows that any Russo-German attempt on Rumania would force Italy to make grave decisions concerning the possible disappearance of her important interest in the Balkans and her fear of the further spread of Bolshevism in south-east Europe. The difficulty of the Italian position is that because of jealousy of Turkey's inclusion in any Balkan bloc she is not particularly anxious to see the Entente strengthened, despite the fact that a strong Entente is the best possible safeguard against the increasing of Russian influence in the Balkans and the consequent danger of the spread of that self-same political creed to which Signor Mussolini is so completely opposed. The situation is paradoxical, but then, when has it not been in the Balkans? The strengthening of the Entente by the inclusion of Hungary and Bulgaria would represent a considerable accession of Turkish influence which is not wholly suitable to Italian policies.

It is greatly to the interests of Great Britain and France that the Entente shall be strengthened, so as to be able to withstand economic and political pressure from outside, namely, from Germany and Russia. They are not particularly worried over Italian influence in the Balkans, for it has always been there, and while Italy remains so completely opposed to any spread of Bolshevism in this her most important sphere, it may be said that her interests in this connection are identical with those of the Allies. While the particular needs of the various members of the Entente are clean cut and understandable, those of the Greater Powers are not quite so easily defined, for they coincide in some cases and conflict in the others. That is a danger which the unstable Balkans have always presented, and it is all the more serious because of the present war. Counsels of wisdom suggest that the Entente States are probably following the best course in suspending all matters of dispute between them until peace has been restored to Europe, and the future of the whole Continent worked out in an atmosphere more conducive to sound and lasting decisions than would now appear to be the case. The situation will be improved if Hungary and Bulgaria can be persuaded to follow suit with regard to their claims upon Rumania, and, if they can be persuaded to enter into the bloc, for resistance against all outside pressure, they may yet preserve themselves whole against the designs of either Germany or Russia, or both. A firm bloc of the Balkan States, backed by Italian power, would be the best safeguard of their future, for it must be apparent that should Germany find an outlet on the Black Sea, at the expense of Rumania, the rest of the Balkan States would be doomed if the Reich emerged from this present war victorious. It is equally apparent that the best chance of Germany proving successful in this matter is for the Balkan States to remain divided, to be picked off piecemeal when it suited Herr Hitler's time. The fact is that a strong Entente, despite Italian-Turkish jealousies, is the best for the Balkans, and for both Italy and Turkey, and may save them a lot of trouble in the future.

Good Work

The words of commendation, which Major K. M. Bourne, Commissioner of Police, addressed to those engaged in the battle on Thursday night and Friday morning with a gang of armed robbers, will be endorsed by all those who have read the various accounts of Shanghai's latest "Sidney Street." Despite the dangers attendant upon fighting in the dark, and the fact that two European and one Chinese police officer were wounded, the members of the police force engaged in rounding up this gang of criminals did so successfully, killing two of their opponents and arresting nine men as a result of the all night siege of the premises in which the robbers had sought refuge. The splendid manner in which the Police have met all the great demands made upon them since August, 1937, is not always appreciated by those who are more prone to criticize chiefly because of lack of adequate information and realization of what the Police have been doing. The manner in which various crime waves have been met and dealt with, the arduous, and at times monotonous duty which the Police have to perform, and the long hours in cases of emergencies have all been faced by the men, European as well as Chinese, with a cheerfulness and discipline which speaks volumes for the organization of the force. These encounters with gangsters serve to emphasize the fact that not only is a policemen's lot not a happy one, but that it is uncomfortably frequently a particularly dangerous one. Those men who kept their vigil through the long hours of Thursday night and Friday morning, in a snow storm which made them all the more uncomfortable, have it to their lasting credit that they got their men. It is fortunate that those policeman who were injured did not suffer more than they have, and that they will shortly all be well again. They are to be congratulated upon their fortunate escape, and the whole force upon having men of such calibre amongst their number. It is dreadful to consider what might have been the state of Shanghai during these past two-and-a-half years had it not been for the devotion of a police force of which any city in the world might very well be proud.

Poland Suffers

The announcement that Great Britain and France will shortly issue a declaration to the world denouncing German atrocities in Poland again draws attention to the ghastly thing which is happening in that unfortunate country. Ever since the beginning of December there has been a regular flood of reports showing that what amounts to a veritable campaign of extermination is being energetically prosecuted against the Poles. On December 7, the "Daily Mail" published an interview with a young Polish woman, wife of an officer who had escaped from Poland, in which she said: "The streets of Warsaw are lined with starving children pleading for scraps. The Germans have cut off all food supplies, and their soldiers say they don't see why the Poles should eat, while their own families are starving." "We came," she added, "to regard the Nazis' policy since the fall of Warsaw as one of deliberate extermination." Havas reports that between 2,000,000 and 5,000,000 Poles have already died in German-occupied regions from hunger, cold, epidemics and punitive action by the German Army. Death penalties are being meted out to men who took part in the insurrections of twenty-two years ago, down to men who directly or indirectly took part in Poland's military operations in resistance to the German invasion. If that means anything at all it means that prisoners of war are now being executed, the hideousness of the whole business being the enthusiasm with which minor officials are carrying out the policies of their superiors. The British Foreign Office announced on December 6 that the Polish Ambassador had informed Lord Halifax that millions of Poles had been turned out of their homes and deprived of their possessions and that in the last few days many of the better known citizens had been executed "to break the spirit of the population." It is Belgium of 1914 all over again, but on a terrificly larger scale and it is to be anticipated that when the Allied charges are made, the Germans will reply with the same old *franc tireur* story with which they sought to justify the killing of so many innocent civilians then. On that occasion as on this it was all done with the set purpose of endeavouring to strike terror in the hearts of the enemy. It will succeed no more now than it did then, and the Germans should by now have realized it, unless these present atrocities are really designed to secure for the German people that much-discussed *lebensraum* by the elimination of the people whose country they have invaded and wrecked.

German Assistance?

The new technique adopted by the Soviet troops in their onslaught on the Mannerheim Line in Finland, means that the attacks are being conducted with scientific precision, and that waves of aeroplanes, intense artillery barrages, swarms of tanks and the regular advance of the infantry shows that a degree of coordination has been established which suggests that Germany is actually now giving expert assistance to Russia in the subjugation of the Finns. It will be remembered that the German forces adopted the same methods in their invasion of Poland, and the similarity, together with the quickness with which it has been brought about, indicates that the German experts, which it was reported the Soviet had asked for, are now in action. There were denials that Germany intended giving the assistance for which the Kremlin is reported to have asked, but those denials were regarded in exactly the same light as many others of their predecessors. It might, of course, be that the Russian command has merely adopted the German scheme, but for it to have been put into operation so rapidly, men thoroughly accustomed to it must have been employed. From the German point of view there is every reason why the Soviet's Finnish adventure should be brought to a victorious conclusion as early as possible. Russia at war is of small advantage to Germany in her struggle with the Allies, for with Russia in her present economic condition it is only in circumstances of peace that she can be expected to give even the most attenuated assistance to the Reich. Reports to hand indicate that the Finns have been able to meet this new development with the same stern resistance which has marked their fighting ever since the onslaught upon them began, and, at any rate up to the present, they have been able to beat back the Russian attacks, and recapture whatever ground might have been lost in the initial onslaught. It is hoped that the back of the Russian offensive has already been broken, for, if this proves to be the case, then the claims concerning the defensive qualities of the Mannerheim Line will have been completely justified.

IN PARENTHESIS

Auctioneer

His mother said to his father the other day, "I'm sure Roland's going to be an auctioneer when he grows up."

"What makes you think that?"

"He's just put your watch under the hammer."

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One Benefit

Two youngsters were discussing the war. "Well, I like the blackout, anyway."

"How's that?"

"You don't need to bother washing your face when you're going out!"

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His Wages

"How about that rise the boss said I was to have?"

"It was in your pay envelope last week."

"Why doesn't my missus tell me about these things!"

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By the Yard

Rufus was proudly sporting a new shirt when a friend asked: "How many yards does it take to make a shirt like dat one, Rufus?"

"Well, suh," replied Rufus, "eh got two shirts like this out'n one yard last night."

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Reductions

"Isn't she a peculiar girl? She wouldn't look at him when he was rich, but now, after he's lost all his money, she accepts him."

"Nothing wonderful in that. You know how crazy every woman is to get anything that is reduced."

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Smart Lad

A boy said to his father "Dad, can I have a drum to play soldiers with?"

His old man said, "If I give you a drum you'll only go round making a row and giving me a headache."

"Oh, no I won't," the kid told him. "I'll only play it when you're asleep."

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Keeping Spirits Up

If you were in a bus smash and just about to be rescued, what would you do?

An English extra in Hollywood told Director George Stevens in a bus-wreck sequence that he'd "probably hum off a bit of a song, sir. Keep your courage up, y'know."

"D'you know such a song" asked the director.

"Yes, sir," answered the extra. "Just the right one for the occasion." And in a high-pitched Cockney voice he piped:—

Don't throw bricks at your mother,
Or else you'll wish you were dead.
Don't throw bricks at your mother
Throw stones at your father instead.

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Stunting His Growth

An anti-cigarette crusader in the Chicago Press Club one day came upon several writers.

Settling a fiery eye on a young man whose shoulders barely showed above the table top as he puffed at a cigarette over his typewriter, she demanded to know what good he could expect to come of his smoking.

The young man addressed was too startled to reply. But as he uncoiled himself to stand up over six feet tall, a drawling voice came from the other end of the table to say:

"Sure, ma'am, it'll stunt his growth!"

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Heard in Court

Lawyer: "Your Honour, I would like to ask for more time for my client."

Magistrate: "All right, I was going to give him five years. Now I'll give him ten."

At Highgate Court:

Clerk: Does your wife earn any money?

Man: She gets her money from me. And she nags so hard for it that I suppose you'd say she earned it.

"I'll be able to pay when the war is over," said a man at Tottenham court.

Magistrate: "And when do you think that will be?

Man: "When they start fighting."

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Sweet Love

A Chap was going round with a girl for a while, and then he proposed to her.

"I could never learn to love you," she told him.

"Oh," he said, very disappointed. Then he said, sort of half to himself, "And just when I'd saved up £1,000 to get married on.'

"Oi ' she said. "What about one more lesson?"

Later he heard a couple of girls talking, and one of them said, "I can't think of any thing more thrilling than to have a man whisper words of love in my ear."

"I can," the other one said. "It's better to have them in writing."

He also made love to a secretary. She was the sort you'd call efficient—efficient at business.

Anyway, he said to her, "Darling, promise me that you will never forget those wonderful hours we've spent together."

"Of course I won't, silly," she said. "I'll make a note right now."

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Dialogue

In 1840 a Viennese author-actor by the name of Hans Wurst, (John Sausage!) was, as we say today, "laying them in the aisles." In a comedy entitled the "Extraordinary Hunter" he satirized rather cruelly the conjugal sentiments of his contemporaries. A bit of dialogue from this play sounds strangely relevant even today.

"How are you, my friend?" one man asks another.

"Not very well. Since I saw you last I've been married."

"My compliments. You must be very happy."

"Not as happy as you think. I married a wicked woman."

"Oh, that's too bad."

"Not as bad as you think. She brought me a dowry of $20,000."

"That must be a great consolation."

"Not as great as you think. With the money I bought a flock of sheep, and they all perished."

"How terrible!"

"Not as terrible as you think. I sold the wool at a profit as great as the original investment."

"Then you lost nothing in the deal."

"I lost more than you think. The house in which I kept the money burned down to the ground."

"What a disaster!"

"Not as disastrous as you think, my friend. You see.... my wife was inside."

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min. 23.0	Max. 38.0
Same date, 1939	Min. 37.5	Max. 56.0

Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min. 20.3	Max. 39.2
Same date, 1939	Min. 37.0	Max. 54.5

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 3rd:—Pressure rather high and steady over China: low and falling over Japan, owing to the depression passing east-north-eastward. Strong monsoon along the China Coast. Fine and very cold weather in our Valley.

State on the morning of the 4th:—Cloudy and very cold weather. West-north-westerly breezes. High and steady pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Cloudy to overcast and cold weather threatening snow or sleet with regular monsoon around Shantung and over our regions. Overcast with moderate monsoon and local rain over the Eastern Sea.—Siccawei Observatory.

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R.A.F. Fighters Chase Off German Raiders

First Major Attack by Twenty Bombers Fails; Germans Flee Before Defence But Lose Three Craft; Berlin Claims Fourteen Ships Sunk

London, Feb. 4.

A GERMAN plane today attacked a trawler and machine-gunned it. The trawler increased speed immediately and began to zigzag, which baffled the raider. The appearance a few moments later of R.A.F. fighter planes put a stop to the attack and the raider made off, pursued by the fighters. The trawler was not damaged.

One squadron of the Royal Air Force Fighter Command shot down two raiders, crippled a third and drove off a fourth machine, while another squadron so seriously damaged a fifth plane that it probably did not reach home, it is learned here today in connection with yesterday's widespread raids on shipping off the British coast.

About twenty German bombers are estimated to have taken part in the raids, but comparatively little damage has been done in proportion to their size. The Firth of Tay, particularly, saw considerable aerial activity.

German aircraft were seen well out at sea. During the morning residents heard machine-gun fire, and it was reported that a vessel was sunk after an attack about ten miles from the Angus coast.

One German raider was shot down near Whitby after an engagement with Royal Air Force fighters, while a few minutes before this another R.A.F. fighter patrol attacked two Heinkels which were dropping bombs on merchant ships near the Farne islands, off the Northumbrian coast.

One of the raiders disappeared into the clouds with one engine out of action.

Immediately the fighters attacked, the bombers raced for home. They climbed steeply into the clouds, but the machine-guns of the Hurricanes had already poured bullets into one, from which a British pilot saw heavy black smoke and pieces of metal coming from the starboard engine.

The first German machine to be brought down yesterday was near a Yorkshire town. It was the first German plane to crash on English soil in the present war, and the second on British territory.—Reuter.

Nazis Claim 14 Ships in Day

Berlin, Feb. 4.

German planes sank nine merchant ships, one mine-sweeper and four patrol boats yesterday in the North Sea, it was announced last night. Three German planes did not return to their base, the announcement said.

"In reconnaissance flights in the North Sea," the announcement said, "German Air Force units attacked British warships as well as armed, convoyed merchantmen. Despite very heavy anti-aircraft fire and interference by pursuit planes, one mine-sweeper, four patrol boats, and nine merchantmen were sunk and numerous other armed merchantmen were damaged, some seriously."—United Press.

British Air Officer Gets Award

With French Forces, Feb. 4.

General Vuillemin, Commander of the French air force, yesterday decorated 28 airmen for acts of gallantry.

Of these, 27 were French and one English — Flight-Lieutenant Robert Voase Jeff, who was born in Singapore.

Jeff is the first British air officer to be awarded the Croix de Guerre, for "courageously attacking two German bombers in the north of France on November 2. After a stiff fight, he brought down one and put the other to flight.—Reuter.

Germans Admit Losses

Berne, Feb. 4.

The British claim that three German planes were brought down over the North Sea and the coast of England yesterday was confirmed in this morning's official communique released by the German General Staff.

Between January 21 and January 31, no less than 145,603 tons of Allied and neutral shipping were sunk, it was claimed. On the Western Front, there was nothing particular to report, the communique concluded.—Havas.

Reich Mobilizes New Classes

Women Summoned to Red Cross Units; Talk of Big Push General in Berlin

Amsterdam, Feb. 4.

Reservists belonging to the classes from 1897 to 1904 have been called to the colours in the Reich, the correspondent of the "Maasbode" reported today. Men outside of these classes have also been mobilized, the correspondent added and declared that the campaign for the enlistment of women into the Red Cross services has been intensified in Germany.

In Berlin, the main topic of conversation is the forthcoming offensive against the "aggressors," he said. Barracks are sending all trained troops to the front to make room for the new reservists.—Havas.

Patrol Activities

Paris, Feb. 4.

Patrols were active on the western slope of the Vosges mountains, this morning's official communique announced. The only new development, military observers add, was the exchange of fire yesterday between artillery batteries on both sides of the Rhine in a sector comparatively quiet until now in Upper Alsace.—Havas.

German Patrols Routed

Paris, Feb. 4.

The past 24 hours have been echoing with fusillades between the infantry of both sides, although the exchanges appear to have little military significance.

On the western slopes of the Vosges, German patrols approached French advance posts but rapidly withdrew when the French opened fire. Otherwise, the Western Front was quiet. Unfavourable weather has prevented air operations.

The Western Front experienced another "quiet day" yesterday, according to a French war communique. It adds there was infantry fire along the Rhine, in upper Alsace.

The latest communique reports "patrol activity on the western slopes of the Vosges."—Reuter.

Russian Hunters Bag Tigers in Manchoukuo

Cub Also Taken After Fierce Encounter

Changchun, Feb. 4.

Mr. A. Kochetoff, in company with two other Russian hunters, recently killed a big tigress, weighing nearly 350 lb., and her cub, according to a report received here by the "Manchuria Daily News" from Mulin, a railway town some 200 miles east of Harbin.

The two beasts were bagged in a forest twenty miles from Mulin Station.

The hunters first discovered the tigress. Tracked down by their dogs, the tigress put up a fierce fight, killing two of the hounds before she was shot. The cub was found soon afterwards and was easily overcome. The hunters sold both trophies for $2,200 Manchoukuo currency. It will be recalled that the Chinese use various parts of the tiger's body for medicinal purposes. The tiger's heart is regarded as particularly valuable by the Chinese druggists.—Havas.

Paris Learns of Pledges Made to Rumania

Special Position Covered By Separate Guarantees

Paris, Feb. 4.

The final communique to be released following the conference of the Balkan Entente will not mention Italy as the meeting remained strictly within the framework fixed by the statutes of the Entente as signed in 1934, well-informed quarters here said.

Rumania's position is a rather special one for her integrity has been guaranteed by Britain, France, and Turkey in the event of German aggression. Furthermore, Rumania has obtained through Italy's intervention that Hungary should not join forces with Soviet Russia if the latter were to attack Rumania. Bucharest obtained an identical promise from Bulgaria through the intervention of Turkey. —Havas.

Soviet Expedition Ship Crew Decorated

Heroes Given Gold Star Medal and Sum of Money

Moscow, Feb. 4.

Captain Badigan and members of the crew of the Soviet expedition ship Sedov have been accorded the title of Hero of the Soviet Union. They have also been decorated with the Order of Lenin and a Gold Star medal.

Each member of the crew has been awarded the sum of 25,000 roubles.

The Sedov returned to Moscow only recently in the tow of the Soviet ice-breaker Josef Stalin, after drifting in an ice pack for two years.—Reuter.

Large National Defence Expenses for Turkey

Third of Budget Expenditure Allotted to Armaments

Ankara, Feb. 4.

National defence accounts for over one third of the total expenditure in Turkey's budget for 1940-41, according to an announcement by the Minister of Finance.

The Budget, which is to be introduced in the National Assembly on March 1, totals T£54,000,000, an increase of £2,000,000 compared with last year.

The chief item is an appropriation of £19,000,000 for national defence. This is an increase of £1,000,000 over the previous years, but it does not include unused credits outside the Budget still available and estimated at about £30,000,000, and £20,000,000 worth of armaments due from Britain and France under the recent tripartite agreement.—Reuter.

Moscow Grants Reich Free Transit

Traffic of Goods to Iran To Be Facilitated

Moscow, Feb. 4.

The Soviet Government has granted Germany the free transit of all goods to and from Iran, according to a generally well-informed source.

Iranian goods bought by Germany will be considered as German as soon as they leave Iran and will thus benefit from the free transit through the Soviet Union.

Negotiations are at present under way for a new trade agreement between Iran and Soviet Russia to replace the one which expired over a year ago and which was not renewed. In this treaty, certain clauses granted free transit for all Iranian goods being sent to foreign countries and for some goods being sent to Iran by countries which had trade agreements with Moscow.

Iranian exports to the Reich will consist mostly of leather, cotton, raw wool, and perhaps livestock. However, Iran will probably not send any oil to the Reich for the British influence in her petrol industry would be opposed to it.—Havas.

Big Battle in S.-W. Kwangsi Imminent

Japanese Drive Along Highway from Nanning; Chinese Making Ready

Chungking, Feb. 4.

As Japanese forces in South Kwangsi in their drive north-eastward from Nanning along the highway have reached the out-skirts of Pingyang, the stage has now been set for one of the biggest battles to be fought in the present war, according to Chinese reports received here today. For the purpose of strengthening their hold on Nanning, thereby blocking China's highway communications with French Indo-China, the Japanese are said to have missed a large number of troops in the Nanning area, in an effort to remove Chinese pressure on the town.

While the main body of Japanese troops is reported to have pushed north-eastward along the highway, in the direction of Pingyang, a column at Yungshun, east of Pingyang, has crossed the Yu River, executing a flanking movement from the south-east.

The latest Chinese field dispatches report that this column has already passed Kangtang, south-east of Pingyang, partly to protect the right flank of the Japanese column on the highway, and partly to cut the highway, east of Pingyang. Anticipating a Japanese push towards this town, it is stated, the Chinese High Command is carrying out a carefully prepared plan for a big battle in South Kwangsi.

As Chinese forces on the highway north-east of Nanning are said to be slowly withdrawing to the north, in the direction of Chienchiang, drawing Japanese forces farther away from base at Nanning, strong Chinese columns are claimed to be taking up positions in the Japanese rear and flanks, particularly on the south bank of the Yu River.

As soon as the Chinese forces launch a counter-offensive in the north, these columns on the south bank of the Yu River will close in, it is predicted. Chinese field dispatches from the Kwangsi front express confidence in repulsing the present Japanese drive, but emphasise that the Chinese counter-offensive has not yet started.

A Japanese column in a dash for Wuyuan has passed Wucheng, but has at present been cut off from its rear in the cold and sandy waste of the Inner Mongolian desert, declares a Chinese field dispatch from the West Suiyuan front. At the same time, Chinese forces are said to be closing in on Paotow from the east, south and south-west.

The severe winter weather in Inner Mongolia, the reports add, is taking a heavy toll of the Japanese forces, who are stated to have abandoned 360 dead and 37 trucks.—Reuter.

Japanese Claims

Tokyo, Feb. 4.

Chinese troops fell into a Japanese strategem when they concentrated north-east of Nanning believing that Japanese forces in the Kiutang area could be driven out, a communique issued by the Army Section of the Imperial General Headquarters asserted today.

The curtain had to be lowered on the "final act" of the Chinese "winter offensive" by the "fatal blow dealt the enemy by the decisive fighting in this area," according to the announcement. "From Paotow in the north, to Nanning in the south, Chinese offensives have crumbled before the hammering onslaughts of our troops," it added.

Heavy spiritual and material losses were inflicted upon the Chungking regime by the capture of Nanning by the Japanese forces in November, the communique said, pointing out that the city formed a pivotal point in the Chinese supply route through the southwest. The loss of the city, it continued, added impetus to the peace campaign, coupled with the progress made by the movement for the establishment of a new Central Government of China.

"Unable to regain one inch of lost ground as his 'winter offensive' suffered defeat after defeat everywhere, Gen. Chiang Kai-shek began announcing his intention of recovering Nanning to cover up his reverses. As a last resort he concentrated large Central Army detachments and other troops, totalling 20 divisions, in the Nanning area under the command of Gen. Chen Cheng and Gen. Pai Chung-hsi. In addition, large numbers of irregulars were also brought to this area, raising the total Chinese concentration to 40 divisions," the communique stated.

The Japanese command, following the capture of Nanning, detailed some of its forces to areas north-east and north-west of Nanning to "lure the enemy."

"Aware that the Japanese forces at Kiutang north-east of Nanning were weak, the Chinese massed large effectives in the hills nearby. Vigorous counter-offensives were launched by the Chinese for about a month," according to the communique.

"Japanese forces, which had been waiting for their quarry to fatten, suddenly launched a vast flanking movement to the east, while another wing advanced into the Pingyang plain. Completing their encirclement, the Japanese columns have inflicted annihilating losses upon their enemy," the announcement said.

The communique paid tribute to the heroism of the Japanese "decoy detachments", which in the face of numerically superior Chinese forces, stood their ground so as to caused the Chinese main force to fall prey to the Japanese tactics. Among the officers killed in this sector, the communique listed Major-Gen. Masao Nakamura who succumbed to wounds at the front on December 25.—Domei.

Chinese Troops Claimed Trapped

Canton, Feb. 4.

Japanese operations north-east of Nanning have entered their second stage with a large number of Chinese troops trapped within a Japanese cordon, the headquarters of the Japanese Expeditionary Force to South China announced in a communique issued here today.

"Enormous casualties" had been inflicted upon the Chinese both in encounters on the ground and as a losses, it said, were mounting daily, result of aerial bombardment. These

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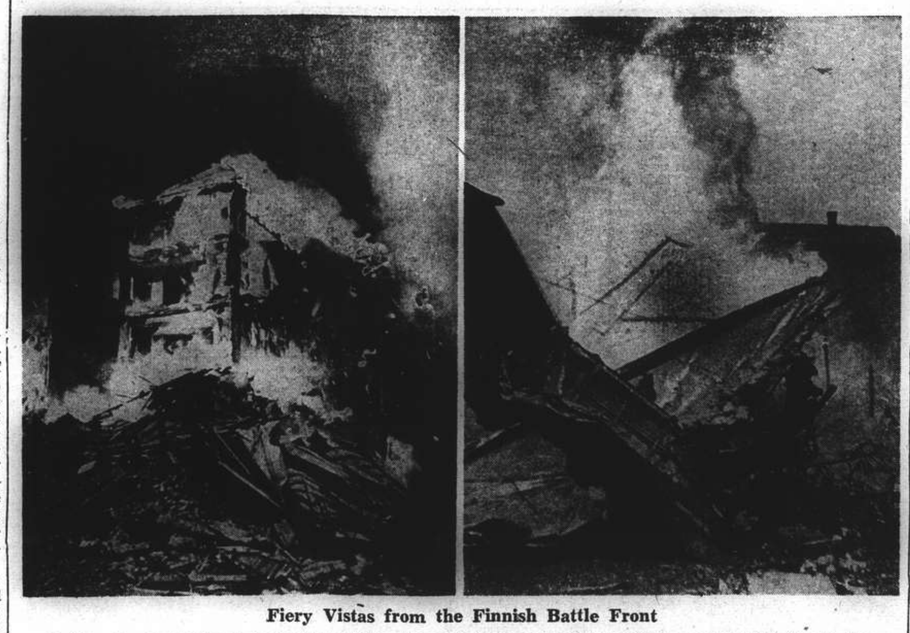

Fiery Vistas from the Finnish Battle Front

Left, a bomb, believed to be incendiary dropped from a Soviet warplane, caused this fire in the heart of Helsinki. Right, a Soviet warplane brought down by Finnish anti-aircraft guns, is illuminated by a fire from a building in the background caused by Soviet bombing.

Asama Maru Case is Near Settlement

British Envoy Awaits Final Instructions from London; Memoranda to Be Published

Tokyo, Feb. 4.

The Asama Maru incident, although not completely settled, is nearing a satisfactory solution, it is understood here. The "Asahi Shimbun" reports that a provisional "understanding" was reached between the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, on February 2. Sir Robert, the "Asahi" continues, still has to await final instructions from London, however.

Assuming that these instructions raise no objection to the "understanding", formal memoranda will be exchanged between Britain and Japan, which will be published simultaneously in London and Tokyo, according to the "Asahi."

British circles state that Japanese reports that the incident has been settled, with the British Government accepting Japan's proposals, are premature at the very least. The British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, is moreover in bed at the present with a cold and this is thought likely to delay negotiations somewhat. The "Asahi" states that the Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, submitted a report on the "understanding" to the Prime Minister, Admiral Yonai, and the Navy Minister, Admiral Yoshida, yesterday and that he will report to the Diet tomorrow or Tuesday.—Reuter.

Japanese Note Received

London, Feb. 4.

The Foreign Office announced last night that it had received Japan's reply to Britain's note regarding the Asama Maru incident, in which the British Navy took 21 Germans from the Japanese vessel. The Foreign Office said that conversations would continue between Japan and Britain regarding the incident and would follow friendly lines.

Meanwhile, official sources confirmed the report that correspondence between the two countries on the case would probably be published within a few days.

According to Japanese sources, London and Japan appear on the verge of concluding a "gentleman's agreement" settling the actual Asama Maru incident and regulating the transportation of German nationals throughout the war.—United Press.

Terms of Settlement

Tokyo, Feb. 4.

Mr. Hachiro Arita, Foreign Minister, will officially announce the partial settlement of the Asama Maru incident in the Diet on Tuesday, it was learned here today.

The terms of the settlement, which are understood to comprise four points, including the surrender by the British Government to Japan of a part of the detained Germans, will be announced simultaneously in London and in Tokyo tomorrow afternoon, instead of today as originally scheduled.

Final touches to the agreement, reached on Friday between Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador, and Mr. Masayuki Tani, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, were put today in a 50-minute interview between Mr. Tani and Mr. J. L. Dodds, Counsellor of the British Embassy.—Domei.

French Ambassador Leaves Moscow

Moscow, Feb. 3.

M. Paul-Emile Naggiar, French Ambassador to Moscow, left the Russian capital this evening for an indeterminate stay in Paris. He was accompanied to the station by the personnel of the French Embassy, the Chargé d'Affaires of Great Britain, and representatives of all the other Embassies in Moscow.—Havas.

Allies Score Point in Belgrade At Entente Conference

Bulgaria Gives Assurance to Rumania to Leave Dobrudja Issue Till European Peace Restored

Belgrade, Feb. 4.

TENSION relaxed here last night after it was reported Bulgaria gave assurances to the Balkan Entente conference that she would not present her demands against Rumania for Dobrudja during the European war, leaving the question to be settled after the war at the peace conference.

The reported Bulgarian assurance was regarded as a victory for the Allies, who have worked through M. Sukru Sarajoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister, to eliminate the reasons for any drastic Rumanian swing toward Germany, either economic or otherwise.

Attitude of Powers Towards Balkans

Allies Want to Bolster Entente; Reich Seeking Supplies; Italy Jealous

London, Feb. 4.

The attitude of the Powers indirectly interested in the meeting in Belgrade of the Balkan Entente of Turkey, Greece, Rumania and Yugoslavia, is summed up in London today as follows:—

Germany's main considerations are to get supplies of food and oil in more increasing quantities, and prevent a military bloc among the Powers that would eventually strengthen their potential resistance.

Italy has worked for an improvement in the relations between Hungary, Yugoslavia and Rumania, and would be glad to strengthen the power and resistance of these states to any Russian advance. Italy, however, is jealous of Turkey in any Balkan bloc, and is therefore not anxious to see the present Entente strengthened.

Russia is saving the Bessarabian question until she is prepared to deal with it. She would certainly hate to see Germany get the advantage but an agreement giving Germany the Rumanian oilfields and Rumanian coasts section cannot be left out.

Allies Strive to Strengthen Entente

Great Britain and France want to see the Balkan Entente strengthened and able to resist both economic and political pressure from outside. They will naturally participate in a policy of economic warfare to prevent, as far as possible, the Germans from getting supplies from the Balkans. At the same time, they have every interest in the maintenance of peace and understanding between south-western European states.

Hungary and Bulgaria, two states who have a claim against the entente nations, seem for the time being to have adopted a moderate attitude. This, in the case of Hungary, can be attributed to Italian advice, and in the case of Bulgaria to the influence of Turkey.

The mere fact that the entente is practically prolonged for another seven years is already an important result of the meeting at Belgrade. It is unlikely then that there will be any substantial alterations in the mutual economic relations between the four Balkan countries.—Reuter.

Republican Leader Asks Roosevelt to Resign

New York, Feb. 4.

Mr. Frank E. Gannett, publisher and Republican candidate for President, said President Roosevelt should resign, in a speech before the National Republican Club today Mr. Roosevelt is leading the United States into collectivism, he said, and proposed that Congress immediately begin to strip the President of extraordinary powers.—United Press.

British Labour Leader Denounces Nazis And Urges Britain to Lead World

Allies Fighting for Civilization; Colonial Self-Government Ought to Be Encouraged

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 4.

Broadcasting last night, Mr. C. R. Attlee, Leader of the Labour Opposition in the House of Commons, criticized the condonation, in the first place, of German aggression, which, he said, had bred more violence and allowed ruthless cruelty to become rampant.

He described Nazism as the outstanding menace to civilization, not only because of the character and actions of the men in absolute control of a great nation, but because their ideas openly conflicted with all the conceptions upon which civilized life was based.

It was left to Germany, Mr. Attlee said, to make breaches of these conceptions a regular practice, and to glory in them and to glory in cruelty and atrocities.

He expressed the belief that "we are fighting for something greater than safety of our own country: we are fighting the battle of civilization against barbarism."

If Britain wished to persuade others she wished a world free of economic imperialism, Mr. Attlee declared, she must press forward a policy of self-government wherever practical. She must abandon all claims and special rights, and be prepared to bring all Colonial territories under the mandatory principle, and extend and widen the scope of international control.—Reuter.

The Allies and Germany, locked in a dramatic behind-the-scenes struggle for economic predominance in the Balkans, were stealing the show from the Entente members at the conference.

Such was the British pressure to counter-act any preliminary success Germany might have had from economic negotiations with Rumania, that reports were allowed to circulate freely regarding the possibility that Britain had sent troops to the Turkish straits to tighten her blockade and protect the Dardanelles.

These reports had no official confirmation, but were credited with giving a bad case of nerves to diplomatic circles, who foresaw the necessity of the respective Balkan nations mobilizing in the event Britain took added military measures in the Black Sea area. It was pointed out that by forcing Balkan mobilization Britain would be playing her trump card, because it would cut by one-third the export of foodstuffs from south-eastern Europe to Germany and, in addition, would tend to tie up communications.

Germany, who oddly appeared to be using the Turks as go-betweens at Belgrade, was understood to have exerted pressure to obtain Rumanian freedom of aid from the Allies.

Desire for Peace Stressed

The Yugoslavian Foreign Minister, M. Alexander Cincar-Markovitch, at a formal banquet for the Entente delegates yesterday, stressed the fervent hope that the Balkans would remain at peace. He emphasized the desire to remain neutral on the condition that Yugoslavia's integrity and independence can be maintained.

It was considered significant that the Foreign Minister stressed the co-operative attitude of Bulgaria and Hungary towards the preservation of peace and praised Italy for her "wise attitude" in not taking part in the war. He urged closer economic collaboration in the Balkans as a requisite to the solidarity of south-eastern Europe.

M. Grigore Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, praised Bulgaria's desire to "establish relations based on confidence. We appreciate the efforts of Yugoslavia toward the development of good relations with Hungary," he continued. "We appreciate the highly political and moral value of the friendly attitude of Italy in helping in our search for peace and security."—United Press.

Economic Issues Raised

Belgrade, Feb. 3.

All political questions were discussed and disposed of in the first meeting of the Balkan Entente, it was revealed today. At this evening's meeting, to begin at 5 p.m., the four Foreign Ministers will treat with economic questions of "regional interest," particularly the matter of raw material supplies, which is of profound importance to Rumania.

The Balkan Entente comprising Rumania, Yugoslavia, Turkey and Greece, has been automatically renewed until February 9, 1948, none of the Foreign Ministers now meeting in Belgrade having announced any intention of denouncing the Ankara Pact which expires in a year.

Before the conference opened, it was thought possible that an offer to include Bulgaria and Hungary in the pact would be tendered. The general opinion of foreign observers in Belgrade is that the four Balkanic states will not embark on any new diplomatic action tending to modify the present Danubian and Balkanic system. Emphasis is placed on their determination to maintain their political and economic independence, and, in the present circumstances, their neutrality.

Finally, each member of the Entente will pursue its own course in the establishment of relations with its neighbours, the other states playing the role of mediators, it was agreed. —Havas.

Chungking-Paris Accord

Paris, Feb. 3.

The information on the alleged "secret agreement" between the Chungking Government and the French Government, announced by the Japanese newspaper "Asahi Shimbun" from Nanking on February 1, is totally groundless, authorized Paris circles declared today.—Havas.

Finns Regain Positions After Repulsing Red Onslaught

Latest Russian Drive on Mannerheim Line Reveals Marked Precision; Soviet Bombers Continue Raids

London, Feb. 4.

THE Russians have begun a new bid to smash through the Mannerheim Line, and it is being conducted with a scientific precision that is astonishing the Finns, telegraphs Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Finnish-Swedish frontier. The waves of aeroplanes, intensity of the artillery barrage, swarms of tanks, and the regular advance of the infantry reveal co-ordination which was lacking in previous Russian attacks.

Soviet troops playing the main part in the attack in this sector are estimated at about one division of infantry, supported by an enormous number of tanks. The battlefield, now a chaotic inferno of churned-up and bloodstained snow, is fairly open country between lakes Muolaa and Kuolama, both frozen hard. The first onslaught is believed to have made considerable inroads into the Finnish lines, but the Finns recovered, launched carefully-timed counter-attacks, and regained their positions.

If it proves that the Finns have broken the back of the Russian offensive, they have every reason to be optimistic about the defensive qualities of the Mannerheim Line.

The Finns' greatest recent success was gained north of Lake Ladoga where the Soviets are fighting desperately at a number of points to escape the traps in which the Finns are trying to isolate them. Near the shore of the lake itself, a large body is reported to be making a grim struggle against a ring of Finnish machine-guns, which is preventing them from rejoining their main body.

Italian planes have been among fighters doing defence work in the past few days.

Twelve Russian planes were shot down in various parts of Finland during yesterday's air raids.

Russian planes flew over south-east Finland last night and dropped a few incendiary bombs on the port of Hango, but the damage was insignificant.—Reuter.

Over 100 Killed in Raids

Helsinki, Feb. 4.

Over 100 civilians were killed and 100 were wounded yesterday when Russian planes carried out extensive air raids throughout Finland, it was officially announced last night.

Red planes again heavily bombed south-west Finland. Over 30 were killed at Kuopio, when seven air raid shelters were struck and at least ten buildings were damaged. Several persons were killed in north-western Finland. The Seinajoki and Vasa districts were heavily hit. The worst material destruction was caused at Lovisa, Kotka, and Viipuri. Two hospitals were struck during raids on Viipuri.

The raids were the most destructive so far in the war. The Russians flew in mass formations. Many bombs fell on forests and lakes, but in most of the towns that were attacked the civilians had no time to reach shelter or run into the open fields and they were trapped. It was estimated that several thousand bombs were dropped throughout the day.

An official Finnish war communique stated that the Finns repulsed new heavy attacks on the Mannerheim Line on Friday, especially in the central Summa sector, where over 200 Russians were killed and 70 captured. Twenty-five Red tanks and three Russian big guns were captured by the Finns.

North-east of Lake Ladoga 150 Russians were said to have been killed in fighting for the control of the Ladoga islands, which are the chief obstacle in the path of Russian penetration along the north-east shore of the lake. The communique claimed that the Finns destroyed eleven Red tanks in the Kuhmo region.

A Russian attack was repulsed in the Salla area, and 200 Red troops were killed, it was claimed.—United Press.

Savage Bombing of Kuolio

Stockholm, Feb. 4.

Death and destruction ravaged the Finnish town of Kuolio yesterday when thirty Russian bombers dropped hundreds of deadly missiles on this hapless city, the "Stockholm Tidningen" said. The huge Russian bombs penetrated even to the air raid shelters where thirty people were killed and about forty wounded. Nothing but smoking ruins showed where three large buildings had stood. Other Soviet bombers raided Senijoki, where ten persons were killed and many wounded.

Reds Continue Offensive

Despite the heavy toll of life they suffered, the Russians are continuing their mass offensive against the Mannerheim Line under the command of General Stern, who does not seem to be willing to spare the lives of his men, the war correspondent of the "Svenska Dagbladet" reported today.

Regarding the bombing of Finnish civilians by Soviet planes, the "Social Demokraten" in an editorial today branded the Russian atrocities and declared that it is becoming more and more necessary for the democratic world to come to the aid of the Finnish people for democracy would betray itself if the Finns were left alone. The Russians have already lost one thousand pilots, the paper added, and this represents a hard blow for the Soviet air force. Soviet bombing squadrons are now defended by pursuit planes when operating over Finland owing to the increasing number of counter-attacks launched by the Finnish air force. Another Soviet innovation is the use of air torpedoes two metres long which, upon exploding, release a number of small incendiary bombs.—Havas.

Dutch Steamer Hits Mine, Goes Adrift

Crew Still Aboard Laerter Awaiting Rescue

Amsterdam, Feb. 4.

The Dutch steamer Laerter, displacing 5,825 tons, struck a mine near the Royal Sovereign light-ship while on her way from Batavia to Holland.

Although her engines were put out of action by the blast the ship did not founder but is at present drifting with the current. The entire crew is on board the ship, waiting for assistance to come from Flushing (Holland).—Havas.

Leningrad Denies Major Offensive

Real Striking Power of Red Army Not Yet Shown Against Mannerheim Line

Moscow, Feb. 4.

The Leningrad Military Headquarters yesterday issued a communique denying Finnish reports that a major Russian offensive was in progress against the Mannerheim Line or that Finnish planes had raided the Kronstadt naval base.

"Possibly from the point of view of the microscopic scale of operations on the West Front in Europe, clashes of several companies appear a 'big offensive'," the communique said. "We, however, find such a scale ridiculous and cannot consider the clashes of several companies either a big or a small offensive." Reports that Finns had raided Kronstadt are fabrications, the communique said. The Finnish Air Force, despite modern American and other foreign-made war planes, is unable to defend Finland from the Soviet fleet or carry the attack to Russia, the communique said.

The real offensive power of the Red Army has yet to be hurled against the Mannerheim Line, the communique concluded. — United Press.

Soviet Soldiers Decorated

Moscow, Feb. 4.

Decorations were yesterday awarded in Leningrad to Soviet soldiers from the Finnish front by M. Zhdanov, a member of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

An appeal for the development of mass skiing is made by the "Pravda," official organ of the Communist Party, which states that the country can and must have 1,000,000 skiers for labour and defence.—Reuter.

Allies Buying Up More Old U.S. Vessels

Britain Gets Eighteen and France Fourteen Ships

Washington, Feb. 4.

British shipping interests have agreed to buy eighteen American vessels, totalling 76,000 gross tons, it was learned here last night.

The ships will be used to replace some of the vessels Britain has lost during the war. Since the fighting began, England has lost 147 merchant ships.

It was also learned that France has acquired, or is about to purchase, fourteen American ships totalling 37,000 gross tons.

The Federal Maritime Commission is expected to approve the sales, because most of the merchantmen are more than twenty years old, and many of them have been lying idle.

British and French shipping interests are expected to buy many more American ships before the war is over. They are reported to have paid high prices for the vessels which they have already acquired.—United Press.

Finnish Case Not Hopeless

British M.P. Says Russian General Morale Low

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Stockholm, Feb. 4.

"The case of the Finns is not hopeless," declared Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Labour M.P., who recently visited Finland, in an interview with Reuter.

"In view of the fact that Russia must keep four-fifths of her army for defence along other frontiers," he asserted, "her field force cannot be employed against Finland. The Russians must obviously have some good pilots and soldiers, but their general morale seems to be low."

"I interviewed one young Communist prisoner," Mr. Noel-Baker added, "and told him that I might be able to arrange his return to Russia through an exchange of prisoners. The man bellowed: 'Do nothing of the kind.'"—Reuter.

U.S. Closes Danzig Consulate

Washington, Feb. 4.

The United States has closed its Danzig Consulate and plans soon to establish a consulate at Konigsberg, the Department of State announced last night. Although it was not officially stated, it was understood that the move tacitly recognized Germany's absorption of Danzig.—United Press.

Railway for Soviet-Held Poland Still Running

Berlin, Feb. 4.

Reports that traffic on the railway through Soviet-occupied Poland has been completely stopped, are denied by the official German news agency. It states, however, that only a few hundred trucks of produce have reached Germany from Rumania since the agreement to open the railway two months ago.—Reuter.

A Letter from "Our Gracie" About the Boys in France

England's Most Popular Star Gives the Tommies A Treat at the Front; Hollywood Trip Off

ASK any Briton, who hails from England, Scotland, Ireland or Wales, who is the most popular person in any of those countries today. Ten to one the answer will be "Our Gracie." For the benefit of those who have never been to Britain, "Our Gracie" is Miss Gracie Fields, former Lancashire mill girl, who has sung and acted her way into every heart. Recently she has been entertaining the troops at the front and in a letter to the Editor of the "Sunday Express" she tells of her experiences and reactions as she met the boys with whom she is always a best favourite. As a result of this letter being printed, a substantial donation was sent by the "Sunday Express" to be distributed to the men in cigarettes and comforts, for Gracie refused to accept payment for herself.

Well, here I am back in Paris after the most wonderful experience of my life, and I'm going to write things down just as they happened, says Gracie. For weeks before I walked on the stage in the big cinema to sing to the lads, I thought of little else. I'd never wanted anything so much as I wanted this. And I hadn't been in France long when I got the impression that the lads were as glad to see me as I was them.

We went by car from the port where we landed to Paris. For a long way we passed streams of French convoy lorries, which made the going slow. About five o'clock in the afternoon we were in a line of traffic that kept jog-jogging along and stopping most of the time.

During one of these stops a big lorry packed with troops halted alongside our car. It was different from all the other lorries we had passed. For one thing the soldiers in it were shouting and singing and sticking up their thumbs to other troops going in the opposite direction. The light wasn't too good, and it was some time before it dawned on me that these boys were English.

Surrounded Her Car

I should have known they were by the cut of their jibs and the choruses they were singing. Just as I was saying "They're English!" the traffic started to move and our car went on ahead of them. Soon we came to another full stop and the lorry drew up alongside again. I heard one of the lads shout:— "It's Gracie Fields!"

In a jiffy they jumped off the lorry and surrounded our car. I was fairly caught and couldn't do anything about it. They crowded round the car, with their bright eyes and fresh faces, looking the picture of health and full of pep, and talking nineteen to the dozen.

There was one lad who kept saying: —"I'll never forgive myself for not being the first to recognize you, Gracie." He spoke real good Lancashire an 'all.

"Don't worry about that," I said. "I shan't hear the last of it," he replied. "You see, Gracie, I come from Accrington. Yet Jack Baines here—who comes from London, mind you—and a good many others spotted you before me. Ee, I do feel mad. But you can't blame me, for after all, we don't expect to find you out here."

They were all in such high spirits that I thought they had just arrived in France. Imagine my surprise when they told me they'd been out here two months!

No Gloomy Faces

I think this is a grand proof of the spirit of our troops, and I can tell you that all the time I was in the Army area I never saw a gloomy face. Remember, I caught them when they weren't looking and found them singing and yelling "Thumbs Up!"

One of them shouted:—"What about a song, Gracie?" Then they all started and—well, it just had to be done.

I started "Sing As We Go," but before I got to the end the traffic line in front began to move and my car was causing a jam in the rear. The lads ran back to their lorry and swarmed aboard, finishing the song as they passed out of sight.

This is a scene I shall never forget: That country road in a foreign land with the dusk falling and the mist rising and these laughing English boys singing at the tops of their voices.

So my first concert in France was one by the wayside when the coppers weren't looking.

Sirens

I wasn't feeling too good after the journey, but this meeting bucked me up tremendously. It had been a funny trip over the Channel, with lifebelts and all. But, mind you, I don't think that mine would have been much use if anything had happened because I had all me thick 'uns on and me shooting boots to keep me warm.

Sitting opposite me on the boat was a very small girl in a lifebelt almost as big as herself. She was the prettiest thing you can imagine. She would have made a grand picture, but I'd had to leave my camera behind. Somehow, that kiddy's face kept coming back to me through the thousands of faces I saw in France.

We hadn't left the lorry load of singing troops very long when suddenly—SIRENS!!! Goodness we all gasped. An air raid, and we'd all forgotten our gas masks!!! We stopped, then we thought it very funny there wasn't any excitement in the street, so we asked a woman what was happening. She said, Oh, nothing; it's just calling the soldiers for a cup of tea.

Of course, we sighed with relief and drove on through a raw November fog with headlights on. It's amazing the amount of light they show on the cars out here. They use their headlights just covered with a green shade. It certainly makes travelling much easier and safer.

Getting Wound Up

Paris was bright too, but I was "all in" and went straight to bed. Before I got to sleep there was a knock on the bedroom door and Mary Barrett, who takes such great care of me, gave me a telegram. It was from Basil Dean, telling me that the big concert had been postponed till Wednesday.

"That's fine," I said to myself "it gives me time to get rested after the journey," and I went to sleep.

Before I got to the place where the concert was held, other people had been putting in a lot of very hard work to make the wheels go round on the big night. We have all to be thankful to Sir Seymour Hicks. While he was on the stage telling the troops that this was Gracie Fields's night, I was sitting in my dressing-room getting properly wound up.

Sang the Old Favourites

I could hear the friendly roar of the big audience laughing and applauding Sir Seymour, Claire Luce, and the other fine artists, and thought what a wonderful privilege it was to be allowed to help entertain our soldiers.

All through my life I have found kindness among English folk, but these lads. They'd thought of everything; nothing was too much trouble. They were mother, father and rich uncle all rolled into one.

I chose the songs I thought they'd like best—mostly old favourites which many of them had sung with me in halls all over Britain, whistled at their work after hearing them at the pictures, and perhaps remembered their wives and children and girls humming.

In all these songs there was something of the lads themselves, because every song that becomes popular has the heart of the people in it. Any performer who thinks otherwise is kidding herself.

When I got on the stage—the old legs weren't too good—the shouting, stamping, whistling was terrific. It went on and on and on. It seemed as if the lads were going to make a night of it. There was something in their reception different from the applause of an audience at home. I felt if it didn't stop soon I should break down. So I said:—"Now, then, lads. No mucking about."

Link With Their Folks

Then I opened up with "Sally," and you could have heard a pin drop. There were thousands of them, from generals to privates, all with somebody at home who knew this song, and somehow I felt I was a link between them and their folks. In a few minutes I heard the good old British laugh that is going to win this war as it has won others.

Don't ask me to tell you about this concert in detail, because all that I remember—that I shall never forget—is a feeling that all of us put all we knew into it and kept on singing through a dozen songs until the time came for me to buzz off.

One thing struck me. I got a big reception, perhaps, because the lads knew me. But when I was unknown, singing to their fathers in the last war, I got the same cheery welcome and heard the same laugh.

Of course, once I was in the Army area I couldn't stop singing. After the big concert I went to my dressing-room feeling that the works had all got mixed up. When I finished my last song for the night I felt I ought to say something to the lads. All I could think of was "God bless you."

The next day I met lads from all parts of Britain, talked to them and got an idea of what they are thinking. I tell you that their first thoughts are for home. Men from the trenches showed me pictures of their wives and children and sweethearts, and gave me messages to pass on when I return from Capri to England.

I promised one little chap, whose wife was going to have her first baby, that I would get in touch with her and let her know how he felt about her.

Mostly when I got among the troops I had their word that they were on top of the world as far as food and billets are concerned. I can say honestly that I never heard a sour word, and as far as the war goes their feeling adds up to what a young London soldier told me:—

"It's in the bag."

Before I got out of the Army area my concert had grown to seven different shows, with the lads asking for more until the whistle went. During my last night I stumbled across some Lancashire lads and did stuff in the language they understand. It was funny to hear them singing "Fred Faunackerpan" in good Lancashire.

Before I left the Army area I changed my mind. You know how things are with me. I haven't got over my illness yet. In spite of the doctors I sneaked these concerts. Now I want to do more.

Change of Plans

They say that six weeks or so in Capri, where the sun shines, will get me right. Before I sang for the troops I had intended to go to Hollywood to see Ma and Pa after I left Capri.

Now I have decided to return to France—if they'll let me—and do some more singing.

I have cabled to Hollywood about my change of plans. I think singing to the lads is more important just now.

So I shall go to Capri with the idea of getting fit as quickly as I can and returning to France. There the big work is to be done. It's what we call in Lancashire getting on with the knitting.

Anglo-Turkish Trade Agreement Signed

London, Feb. 4.

Viscount Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, and the Turkish Ampassador in London, have signed a commercial agreement, which is expected to result in further losses of German markets in Turkey, Turkish sources said here last night. The agreement invisaged a substantial increase in Anglo-Turkish trade on the basis of recent British credits to Turkey, it was understood.

(A report from Istanbul said that despite the British agreement authoritative sources claimed that negotiations were still proceeding for a German-Turkish trade agreement.) —United Press.

President Roosevelt Addresses Congress

President Roosevelt pictured as he addressed both Houses of Congress assembled in the Chamber of the House of Representatives as the third session of the 76th Congress opened. Mr. William Bankhead, Speaker of the House, and Vice-President John Nance Garner are seated behind the President.

Big Battle in S.-W. Kwangsi Imminent

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Chinese arms and ammunition, destroyed or captured, as well as motor vehicles and other equipment reaching "astounding" quantities, the communique declared.

The offensive, aimed at the destruction of Chinese troops concentrated in the vicinity of the Nanning-Pingyang highway with the intention of recapturing Nanning, had made favourable progress. "The first stage has already been completed," the announcement said.

The Japanese left wing, advanced through mountains dislodging and "exterminating" Chinese forces strongly entrenched in the area, to effectively cut off the avenue of retreat to the southwest from Pingyang.

Another Japanese column, the communique stated, broke through stubborn Chinese resistance north of Kantang to advance northward. On the way, it defeated the Chinese 45th Division moving south. Taking up positions along the narrow highway north-east of Pingyang, this column inflicted heavy losses upon Chinese troops falling back from other fronts. In the mountains southwest of Pingyang, the announcement asserted, between six and seven divisions, comprising 50,000 to 60,000 men, were held within a narrow Japanese cordon.

The second stage, the communique said, consisted in mopping-up Chinese concentrations found within the far-flung Japanese encirclement. The Chinese 75th and 78th Divisions, the announcement stated were annihilated by the Japanese right wing, while the left wing dealt heavy blows upon three Chinese division, including the 92nd.—Domei.

Paotow, Feb. 4.

Japanese forces, furiously pursuing Chinese troops fleeing to the southwest from Wuyuan in western Suiyuan, at noon today reached Yangkiatien, 14 kilometres from Linho, strategic communications centre near the Suiyuan-Ninghsia border. Linho is 100 kilometres southwest of Wuyuan, major Chinese base in western Suiyuan, which was taken by the Japanese forces yesterday.

Situated on the upper reaches of the Yellow River, 250 kilometres east of Paotow, Linho is a pivotal point on the "Red Route" linking Ninghsia with Outer Mongolia. A highway, running parallel to the Yellow River, runs directly south from Linho to Ninghsia City.—Domei.

Commanders Congratulated

Tokyo, Feb. 4.

Congratulations for the successful Japanese military operations in southeastern Kwangsi were expressed today by Prince Kotohito Kanin, chief of the Army General Staff, in telegrams sent today to Gen. Toshizo Nishio, commander-in-chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces to China, and Lieut.-Gen. Rikichi Ando, commander of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces to South China.

His Highness particularly complimented the officers for their achievement in annihilating the main forces of the Chinese by surrounding them "in one stroke." The telegrams pointed out that whenever their strength was lowered, the Chinese retreated, thereby making it difficult to trap their main force. Prince Kanin also voiced his condolences for those killed in the course of the operations and expressed his solicitude for the wounded.

The Chief of Staff also thanked Admiral Koshiro Oikawa, commander-in-chief of the Japanese China Seas Fleet, and Vice-Admiral Shiro Takashi, commander of the Japanese naval forces in South China, for the co-operation extended by naval forces in the Kwangsi operations.—Domei.

Nanning, Feb. 4.

In four days, one Japanese column alone killed 3,000 Chinese troops and took 1,000 prisoners, it was announced here today as reports from various Japanese units engaged in the Kwangsi offensive began to be tabulated.

This column, comprising three major detachments, advanced north along a tributary of the Yu River west of Wingshun. The period covered was from January 31 to February 3, inclusive.

Booty taken consisted of 17 tanks, 23 motor vehicles, one field gun, several mountain guns, four rapid fire guns, 13 trench mortars, 150 machine guns, 1,018 light machine guns, 300 horses, 700 rifles, and large quantities of ammunition, it was announced.—Domei.

Mr. Chamberlain to Speak on Thursday

London, Feb. 4.

An outline of the military situation will be made in the House of Commons on Thursday by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister.—Havas.

U.S. Ambassador Arrives

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, United States Ambassador to China, arrived in Shanghai in the U.S.S. Luzon, flagship of Rear-Admiral W. A. Glassford, Commander of the Yangtze Patrol, about 5 p.m. yesterday. Mr. Johnson has just completed a tour of the Yangtze River as far as Hankow as a guest of Rear-Admiral Glassford. The U.S. Ambassador has taken up residence at the Cathay Hotel where he will remain until his departure for Chungking with Judge Milton J. Helmick of the United States Court for China next Thursday.

Armed Thugs Brave Rainy Weather

Approach of Holidays Increases Hold-Ups

With Chinese New Year only a few days away, armed robbers were not deterred by last night's rain as no less than ten attacks were reported to the Settlement police between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight.

Mrs. R. Espeener, German Jewish refugee living at the Kinchow Road refugee camp, was attacked by three armed men on Dalny Road near Ward Road at 9.40 p.m. When she did her utmost to resist, the thugs threw her to the ground and decamped with her handbag containing U.S. $2, C.$4.40 and several letters. The matter was immediately reported to Wayside police station but the thugs could not be apprehended.

Earlier in the evening, at 9.25 p.m., two men and one woman held up a Chinese pedestrian on Tongshan Road and relieved him of $26 while at 9 p.m. three armed men entered a Chinese home at 370 Moji Road and stole $120 in banknotes. In both cases, the thugs managed to get away.

The biggest armed robbery of the evening occurred in a Chinese house at 412 Pingliang Road where two armed men intimidated the occupants and after making a thorough search of the premises, departed with $1,310 in cash.

An imitation pistol was used by one of four thugs when they intimidated the occupants of a Chinese house at 213 Yates Road at 7.55 p.m. and finally made good their escape with $200 in cash.

A Chinese watchmaker and "dentist" is poorer by 25 gold teeth and 11 wrist-watches which three men, one of them armed with a pistol, took when they "called" in the shop at 405 Ward Road at 6.20 p.m.

Less fortunate were the two men, one of whom was armed, who after ransacking a home at 937 East Yuhan Road, shortly after 7.30 p.m. were compelled to leave with only $25. The value of the silk and cash stolen by a gang of six, two of whom were armed, when they entered House 3, Lane 524 Kungping Road at 6.30 p.m. could not be ascertained. Money and clothing to the value of $500 was stolen from a Chinese home at 136 Sinza Road shortly after 6 p.m. when five men, two with pistols, made irruption.

At 7.10 p.m. the Chiang Ka Hong at Lane 636, House 204, Ferry Road, were the involuntary hosts of a gang of four who departed a few minutes later with $100 in cash. Up to an early hour this morning no arrests had been made in connection with any one of these crimes.

Japanese Train Wreck Explained

Tokyo, Feb. 4.

Premature throwing of a switch derailing a three-car train at a station in Osaka Monday was the cause of the disastrous wreck which resulted in the deaths of nearly 200 passengers, it was announced today by the Railway Ministery.

As the last coach was about to pass the entrance to the station yard a switchman threw open a switch under the impression that all of the cars had gone by, the statement said.

The last car plunged off the track, overturned and crashed into a stone wall. The impact broke open a gasoline tank under the car which caught fire immediately, burning nearly 200 passengers, the Ministry said.—Domei.

Air Power Shown Indecisive

British Observer Sees Limitations in Range Of Fighting Strength

No conclusions can yet be laid down on the worth of the plane in war, says the "Evening Standard" expert. So far we have seen the plane at work (a) against Abyssinia (b) against China (c) against the Spanish Republic (d) against the Poles. In varying degree all these Powers were outmatched by their enemy.

Now what are the two results so far observable? (1) The civil population stood up to the limited terror to which they were subjected, (2) The attacked armies broke down under the dual impact of land forces, and especially of artillery, and the pounding they received from the skies. In no event did the airplane alone achieve a decision.

Now we add to this data our own experience in Britain since September 1. The bombers have paid a terrific price whenever they went off on a more or less individual strafe. Only when they were accompanied by their escort of fighters or when the enemy air power had been smashed—as in Poland—did the bombers have any fun.

But the only way in which the bomber can get its escort of fighters is by flying the short range which the fighter can command, or by confining its function even more narrowly to acting as an adjunct to land artillery. Since anti-aircraft gunnery shows surprisingly good results, we must conclude that if we have plenty of fighters the raiding air force can hope for no more than a restricted success.

Field-marshal Goering can deploy his considerable air power with effect in the field if he uses it like heavy shells to bomb and blast away at the Allied fortresses, besieging them by destroying all attempts to supply or reinforce them. But he must pay heavily and here again to punch effectively at the British he must stand in much closer.

Therefore, once more, if the British Army is to be assailed the Germans must get into the Low Countries. The only alternative is to hit at Britain herself by the distant and still more wasteful assault on our ships and ports, varied perhaps by a gigantic air terror against our cities. For political reasons I think we can rule out this last possibility.

France to Buy U.S. "Airacobra"

Washington, Feb. 3.

Negotiations for the sale to France of a new high-speed super-pursuit plane, the "Airacobra," have been approved by the War Department, it was revealed today.

The new craft a monoplane fighter, with a speed of over 400 miles per hour, is being sold without motor and armament, both of which are military secrets.—Havas.

Berlin-Tokyo Airline Near Completion

New Service Will Connect Capitals via Siberia

Hsinking, Feb. 4.

Negotiations for the establishment of an airline linking Berlin with Tokyo by way of Siberia are under way, principally between the German and the Soviet authorities, it was learned here today.

The report added new significance to the recent appointment of Col. W. von Gronau, famous German pilot in post-War days, as aviation attaché to the German Legation to Manchoukuo. Col. Von Gronau holds the same post with the German Embassy in Tokyo. Col. von Gronau visited Hsinking recently to make courtesy calls on Manchoukuo officials and high officers of the Japanese Kwantung Army.

The projected air route, which would connect with the existing Japanese and Manchoukuo airways systems either at the border city of Manchouli or in Hsinking would be 4,000 kilometres shorter than the existing southern route from the Far East to Europe. German four-engined 24-passenger Focke-Wulf machines would be used, it was understood. The Tokyo-Berlin journey could be made in four days.—Domei.

President Roosevelt May Show Intentions Soon

Petitions Filed to Place His Name in Primary Ballot

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 4.

Formal petitions to place the name of President Roosevelt on the Illinois Democratic primary ballot for a third term were filed yesterday with the Illinois Secretary of State. Meanwhile, reports from Hyde Park said that the President had no comment to make regarding the Illinois petitions.—United Press.

Highway Robberies Continue Here

Two highway robberies were committed in the International Settlement yesterday afternoon, one of them by armed men.

Four bandits, two of whom displayed pistols, took $21 and an overcoat from a Chinese walking in Laipo Road, near Ferry Road. Later $160 was stolen from another man by a gang of eight unarmed robbers in Yu Yuen Road, near Kiaochow Road.

The bandits all escaped.

THE CINEMA

"Call a Messenger"

Jimmy Hogan ..... Billy Halop
"Pig" ..... Huntz Hall
Kirk Graham ..... Robert Armstrong
Marge Hogan ..... Mary Carlisle
Frances O'Neill ..... Anne Nagel
Ed Hogan ..... Victor Jory
"Chuck" Walsh ..... Larry Crabbe
"Baldy" ..... El Brendel
Bob Pritchard ..... Jimmy Butler
"Big Lip" ..... George Offerman, Jr.
and
The "Little Tough Guys"
"Murph" ..... Hally Chester

Once again the rising masculine generation hold their own in the film, "Call a Messenger," now showing at the Nanking Theatre, where two of the Dead End Kids, Billy Halop and Huntz Hall, and the "Little Tough Guys" get together as a band of budding gangsters. Juvenile escapades and smart, if youthfully heartless, repartee keep the house entertained. Billy "takes a rap" on behalf of the gang—for there is honour, even, among callow rogues—but when they deride his resultant Messenger uniform, deals with them as a gang's leader should, and hauls them, bruises, plaster and all, to join the same service where, oddly enough, he finds work agreeable. But there are some heart-tugging scenes, too, as when Billy comes, during the course of his duties, across jewels enough to buy the release of his elder brother from the clutches of a more mature gang, and when brother and sister—the latter excellently played by Miss Mary Carlisle—clash and are then reconciled. Mr. El Brendel is whimsically "on the yob" knitting socks for Messenger boys' tired feet. The supporting cast, despite their small roles, are good; Mr. Victor Jory's part as the paroled brother is somewhat disjointed. Of the others, Mr. Robert Armstrong as the man who wins the youths from the influence of shadowy alleyways is very likable.

Beginning the programme three fine shorts include an interesting equine feature, a lively musicale with setting in Havana reintroducing old favourite songs of the calibre of The Lady in Red and presenting some really new dancing, and a cartoon in which "Snuffy (confidentially) Skunk" even frightens back the wild waves. Truly a very enjoyable all-round programme.—M.B.

"Undercover Doctor"

Robert Anders ..... Lloyd Nolan
Margaret Hopkins ..... Janice Logan
Dr. Bartley Morgan ..... J. Carrol Naish
Cynthia Weld ..... Heather Angel
Eddie Krator ..... Broderick Crawford
Tom Logan ..... Robert Wilcox
Elmer Porter ..... Richard Carle

Although without any great names in the cast, "Undercover Doctor" which opened at the Cathay Theatre yesterday afternoon, proved to be a rather good picture, inasmuch as it was novel in subject. The story deals with a down-and-out physician, who is forced to operate on a wounded gangster. His first impulse is to ring up the Police and report it, but he sees a chance of a lifetime to move to better environments and to doctor society. He is successful and takes advantage of his position to win the heart of a society girl. While at a party, he is called to operate on a G-man and meets the nurse, who had worked for him, at the hospital. He asks her to work for him again and she agrees, little knowing that the doctor treats gangsters under cover. By chance, she finds that out and telephones Police telling them where the gangsters' hideout is. The gangsters are captured, but manage to escape from jail and the leader comes to the doctor demanding that his face be operated upon. The G-men break in and arrest the gangsters and the doctor just about when he is about to begin the operation. The picture was thrilling and the roles were well taken care of, but Mr. J. Carrol Naish, in the role of the doctor, was head and shoulders above the rest of the cast, with Miss Janice Logan, a comparative newcomer, running him a close second as the nurse who loves him. Mr. Lloyd Nolan made a very real G-man, while Mr. Broderick Crawford was good as the gangster. Three shorts, a 1938 Popeye the Sailor Cartoon, "Artie Shaw's Class in Swing" and "Breaking the News" rounded up a very satisfactory programme.—L.M.

"Bridal Suite"

Luise Anzengruber ..... Annabella
Nel McGill ..... Robert Yung
Sir Horace Bragdon ..... Reginald Owen
Doctor Grauer ..... Walter Connolly
Cornelius McGill ..... Gene Lockhart
Lord Helfer ..... Arthur Treacher
Mrs. McGill ..... Billie Burke
Abbie Bragdon ..... Virginia Fields
Maxi ..... Feliz Bressart

"Bridal Suite," which opened at the Roxy Theatre yesterday, is another of those merry romantic comedies which races along with a zest that is refreshing as well as entertaining. Starring the lovely French actress, Annabella, and Mr. Robert Young, the film concerns the antics of a pampered young scion of a wealthy American who gads about Europe studying the social life of the leisure classes. Mr. Young enacts the role of the charming young idler with an ease born of long practice in playboy parts while Annabella, as the serious-minded Swiss miss who actually converts the young master into a working man, is as intriguing as ever. Miss Billie Burke, as the boy's mother, adds her nonsensical chirpings to the general comedy, while Mr. Walter Connolly is perfect in the role of the exasperated psycho-analyst, Dr. Grauer. Another fine actor, Mr. Gene Lockhart, is outstanding as the boy's father, but unfortunately one sees too little of those two brilliant character players, Messrs. Reginald Owen and Arthur Treacher.

The main feature is preceded by a news-reel and an excellent Crime Doesn't Pay short, which exposes the sinister employment agency racket which thrived in a few American cities.—T.A.B.

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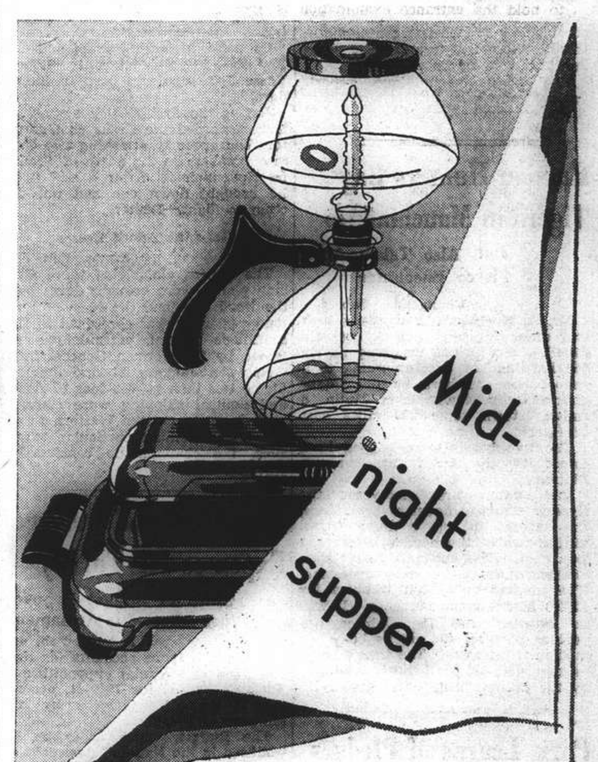

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FROM DAY TO DAY

THE usual Monday evening Bible Society Half Hour over the Christian Broadcasting Station XMHD will be taken by Dr. Carleton Lacy.

M. EDUOARD Daladier the French Premier, on Saturday afternoon granted an audience to Mr. Renzo Sawada, Japanese Ambassador in Paris.

FOLLOWING the annual general meeting of the Amicale des Anciens Combattants which was held on January 26, the following committee for 1940 was elected at a further meeting held at the Cercle Sportif Francais on January 30: President: M. R. Egal; Vice-President: M. C. Benoist; Honorary Secretary: G. Bargeron; Treasurer: M. A. Marchina; and the following members: Messrs. R. Bonnaval, H. Courdier, A. Jaspar, A. K'delant, M. Labart, M. Lapeyre and E. Morelieras. Censeurs: Messrs. H. Leynaud, G. Perrier and J. Rignot. Messrs. Egal and Lapeyre were appointed to represent the Amicale at the "Fond Permanent."

MR. Alfred J. Munnings, R.A., whose paintings of horses since 1898 have been a delight at the Royal Academy, grinds his own flour—and does it fresh for each baking—at his home at Castle House, Dedham, Essex. He says that bread made his way, is the most wonderful thing one ever tasted, and that he could do twice as much work on a piece of his bread and some good farmhouse butter for breakfast as on any other sort of food. He uses a mill about the size of a domestic mincer screwed to the kitchen table or dresser, which costs 50s. Two steel discs take the place of millstones. Mr. Munnings thinks that with bread made in his way possibly a sack of wheat, now costing 23s., would supply a man with all the bread he needed for well over a year.

A 27-YEAR old special constable in the Metropolitan Police, Ronald Tuckerman, a single man has been acting as an emergency 'midwife.' So as not to disturb her husband, who was in bed with influenza, Mrs. Emily Ash of Epsom left her home at 3 o'clock in the morning, wearing only a dressing gown over her nightdress to phone for an ambulance. Tuckerman, on duty in the early hours at Langley Bottom, an isolated part of the Downs at Epsom, found her in a distressed condition and took her to a police box and phoned for an ambulance. In the meantime, however, the child was born and Tuckerman gave all the assistance he could, and wrapped the child up warmly. The ambulance took mother and child to hospital, where both were later reported to be doing well.

THERE is considerable unrest among secondary schoolmasters over the decision of the Government to suspend the Civil Service examinations. At the moment the question of a reversal of this decision is under consideration, but so far the Government appears to be unsympathetic. The schoolmasters argue that the decision not to hold the entrance examination is more or less equivalent to a life sentence on some young people. If a lad cannot sit for the examination at the proper age he loses all chance of entering the Service. If the examination is merely postponed for a year he may then be too old, and there are hundreds of boys and girls in the higher classes of secondary schools who have been preparing themselves as candidates. Now they will, presumably, have to think of some other career.

SIR John Simon has a double. He is Sir George Franckenstein, until last year Austrian Minister in London, and now a naturalized British subject. Even such an experienced person as the butler to the Prince of Wales, as the Duke of Windsor then was, has said to him on opening the door, "Please take a seat, Sir John," and he has often been greeted with the call, "Sir John Simon's car please!" as he left a West-end party. Unfortunately for Sir George, the resemblance does not end there. In his new book of reminiscences he tells how a stranger approached him after a dinner at which Sir John Simon had spoken, and congratulated him on his "excellent speech." Sir George turned to a casual acquaintance and said, "Strange, isn't it? Again I've been mistaken for Sir John Simon." "Really, Lord Londonderry?" was the laconic reply.

A CURIOUS problem on rationing has arisen in connection with the practical examinations in cooking for the London University Diploma in Household Science. In the past candidates have been set, for instance, the cooking of a five-course dinner for twelve with a set menu. Colleges from which candidates came have had to provide the food. Now, unless some way can be found of getting round the difficulty, it looks as if only unrationed ingredients will be used, though the cooking of meat is naturally an important part of the candidates' training. Or perhaps volunteers may be found who will surrender their coupons and eat the results of the examination. Incidentally, at least one college secretary has been found personally cooking his own lunch and that of the head of his college in a praiseworthy attempt to experiment with unrationed menus for the College refectory. The result was very encouraging.

MR. Arthur J. Gillian, 52-year-old general secretary of the Chemical Workers' Union, who is to be nominated to Parliament and the L.C.C. in succession to the late Colonel Harry Day, Labour M.P. for Southwark, and is expected, under the Party truce, to be returned unopposed, is new to political life, having spent the past 27 years building up his Union, which he founded in 1912. Coming to London as a youth from the West Country, he worked first in the retail drug trade, then deserted chemicals for a while to serve a Fetter-lane printing works and later a firm of wholesale newsagents. A member of Southwark Borough Council and chairman of its Public Health Committee since 1934, Mr. Gillian was inspirer of the Health Centre in the Walworth Road, described as a municipal wonder, is a governor of the Hackney Technical College and a member of the Advisory Committee of the Unemployment Assistance Board.

Splendid Response To S.A. Drive

Padded Garments Given Out to Poor; Rice Van Cruises Through City

Contributions continued to reach the Salvation Army yesterday for both the annual drive, which is to help the organization to continue the charitable work it has been doing in the past two years, and the rice fund which enables the Army's workers to serve steaming rice and salted vegetables to the city's beggars.

While there is little doubt in that the minimum of $60,000 which the Salvation Army has asked for in connection with the annual drive, will be reached in a few days, Brig. B. Morris, Regional Officer of the organization, told the "North-China Daily News" yesterday that well over $131,000 was spent last year when only $45,000 was asked for.

"The scope for charity in this city where extreme poverty rubs elbows with lavish wealth, Brig. Morris said, "cannot possibly be defined in dollars and cents. Our appeal for $60,000 is the absolute minimum on which we can carry on and the more money that will come our way, the more we shall be able to do for the destitute population of this metropolis."

The Rice Van cruised through the city from early morning to late last night yesterday and all beggars encountered on the way, were given their daily ration of steaming hot rice. Meanwhile, the clothing situation of these poor people has been greatly eased and by noon yesterday, the distribution of padded garments had been commenced but in this connection much remains to be done because none of the beggars have bedding or even blankets with which to protect themselves from the nightly cold.

Donations received up to Saturday include:

Annual Campaign

Brought For.	$44,183	E. Jacobs	25
Paul R. Buergin	100	Joseph J. Evans	25
L. Farnsworth	100	Dr. W. R. S.	25
Dr. Alfred Sze	100	J. W. Fraser	25
C. N. Abbott	100	G. C. S.	20
A. Henderson	100	T. J. Lindsay	20
W. J. Gande	100	M. K. M.	15
L. R. Moore	75	H. L. Bridger	10
R. M. Joseph	50	H. Kishimoto	10
R. S. Kermani	50	A. V. Sennitt	10
Louise & Gussie	50	C. D. Hause	10
J. Frost	50	A. Green	10
D. L. McWhirter	50	A. Segall	10
Moise Ezra	50	"Joyce"	10
C. F. Wolsiffer	50	G. W. Macon	10
B. W. Talbot	50	H. Touty	5
A. Kemper	25	H.O.P.B.	2
Warren E. Bolton	25		$45,575
P. H. Bordwell	25		
Mr. & Mrs. Friends' Centre Committee			£20.0.0
A Friend from U.S.A.			U.S.$ 5.00
Anonymous			U.S.$74.00

"Rice Bus" and "Waifs" Fund

Brought For.	$39,147	R. & D. Chang	20
Per N.C.D.N.	390	Thomas A. Najar	10
Y., Y., L., Hsi	300	Woo Yuen An	10
Standard Oil Co.	265	Koo Van Wah	10
Kee & 10 Fr.	170	Chang C. Jen	10
T. W. Lee	105	Woo Za Wah	10
L. M. Pharis	100	Y. T. Lee	10
Per N.-C.D.N.	85	W. T. Chang	10
Chen P. Shen	50	H. C. Chang	10
Chen W. Chiang	50	Y. A. Wong	10
Tsai J. Moh	50	Tsing C. An	10
C. Ho Chang	50	Woo Hs. Shou	10
S. S. Tai	50	E. Krueger	10
F.H.J.	30	A. H. Chambers	10
A. A. Ewing	50	Wang Tze Tsai	10
Per N.-C.D.N.	55	M. S. Chu	6
E. G. Long	50	F. Remedios	5
C. Y. Poo, Shao	40	F. Semmelhack	5
Anon.	30	Miss Chen	2
J. J. McMunn	25	M. Loh	2
G. E. Strutt	25		$41,363
D.M.	25		
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*—Monthly contributions.

Lady Halifax To Leave For Home

London, Feb. 3.

Lady Halifax, wife of Britain's Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, will leave London for Rome next week, authorized quarters revealed today. —Havas.

Finnish Troops Read About Their Successes

Finnish troops at an unnamed front read about their latest successes in a newspaper just brought to camp by a supply train.

Chinese Shops Do Record Business

Thousands Complete Holiday Purchases; Shops Besieged

Chinese shops along Nanking Road had the busiest day in years yesterday as thousands of residents hurriedly completed their Chinese New Year purchases notwithstanding the inclement weather.

Busses, tramcars and rickshaws were at a premium throughout the day and as far as the eyes could see, parcel-laden Chinese milled their way through the crowds. Department stores and food shops were literally besieged as assistants worked at top speed from early morning until closing time last night. Vehicular traffic for once gave consideration to the thousands who were unable to find walking space on the pavements and consequently made use of the roadway.

It was quite impossible to walk unhindered in any of the big department stores and, though eager to serve everyone, shop assistants were unable to cope with the terrific onslaught.

None of the Chinese shops was closed yesterday and many of them remained open until late last night by which time the throng of customers had considerably diminished.

Joss-paper shops came into their own again yesterday as thousands were eager to pay their respects to their ancestors.

Fourth Marines Church

Featured in the concert following divine worship held at the Grand Theatre, yesterday were the pupils of Professor Chao Mei-Pa. Soprano soloist Miss Chu-Chi sang as her first number, "Air d'Elizabeth" (From Act II, Tannhauser Salut, 'dmure) by Wagner, and for her encore number, a Chinese composition (Longing) by Wang-Tse. Miss W. A. Hsu, Messrs. E. E. Tien and C. T. Keh composed the trio which followed the vocal selection.

The Regimental Band under the direction of Bandmaster L. E. Giffin opened the concert with the March "Chaplain Brennan" by Zangari. The Overture "Norma" by Bellini was heard during this concert.

The divine services opened with the Prelude "Forward! Be Our Watchword" by Smart, and for the offertory, "Cabin Song" (from the "Cotton Fields") by White. A special request number, "Evening Star" (from Tannhauser) was heard during the services.

In conducting the morning worship, Chaplain R. R. Marken preached on the theme "The Menace Of The Crowds."

Arrangement Reached Over Outside Roads

An arrangement between the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Shanghai Special Municipality over the outside roads question has been reached, Mr. Fu Siao-en, Mayor of the Special Municipality told the "North-China Daily News" yesterday.

Mr. Fu Siao-en declined to state what the salient points of the arrangement were, and added that they would be known in a "few days more."

A high Council official questioned last night said that nothing had been initialled or signed and that he was not in a position to give any further information on the subject.

All Italian Passports To Be Withdrawn

Rome, Feb. 4.

The Fascist authorities are at present withdrawing the passports of Italian citizens, with the intention of checking them before they are returned to their holders. The first to lose their passports in this way were Italian Jews.—Havas.

Peiping Faces Pork Shortage

Butchers Unable to Meet New Year Demand

Peiping, Feb. 4.

Over 5,700 people have registered with the Peiping municipal slaughter house for pork since January 15, as a result of which the slaugter house is sending representatives to the suburbs to purchase pigs to relieve the shortage.

Prospective buyers are finding difficulty to procure pork in the market, the approach of the Chinese New Year having caused a heavy demand for pork.

One of the other reasons for the meat shortage is that a large number of pigs have been shipped to Tientsin, where pork is sold at considerably higher prices than in Peiping.—Reuter.

Do not fail to see

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Italian Friendship For France

Envoy in Paris Affirms Fascist Neutrality and Lauds French Resolve

Paris, Feb. 3.

Italy's friendship towards France and her desire to stay out of war were expressed here today in a speech by the Italian Ambassador, Signor Guariglia, at a luncheon tendered Senator Rene Besse, who is to be the French High Commissioner of the International Fair in Rome in 1942.

"Italy has always been a nation of labourers, "the Ambassador declared. "The Duce, who is not only our representative but the interpreter of our most profound aspirations, has always emphasized this characteristic of our people. Last year, when the international situation was at its worst, the Duce again solemnly declared that the preliminary work for the 1942 fair would be continued. This decision was taken as proof of Italy's will for peace.

"Despite the pressure brought to bear on us by certain political quarters, our intentions have not changed, and Signor Mussolini, pointing at the gigantic work being carried out in preparation for the 1942 international gathering, may proudly say: 'This is the kind of a war we prefer.'

'All those who understand France know that even in the present grave circumstances, she could not fail to participate in a demonstration which summarizes man's desire for progress and peaceful work," Signor Guariglia emphasized.

The Italian Ambassador concluded by congratulating the French people on their staunch confidence in the moral strength of their nation, and on their hope that a better life is loomig for humanity.—Havas.

U.S. Navy Ranks Second In Tonnage

Fleet Takes Fifth Place In Age Categories

Washington, Feb. 4.

Documents published today by the Navy Department on the comparative strength of the American, British, French, German, Japanese and Italian fleets show that the United States navy is second in tonnage and fifth in the age of warships.

At present, the tonnage of modern U.S. ships is 98,070 and that of obsolete warships 280,240.

The United States navy will not be able to reach the ordinary strength of modern navies unless a speedy construction programme is undertaken during the next five years.

The publication of the documents is intended to support the demands made by the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Richard Stark, for a five-year construction programme.

Commentators stress that the figures published show that the United States fleet is not superior to the combined fleets of Germany and Japan.

In his recent deposition before the Naval Affairs Commission, Admiral Stark pointed out that in estimating what the increase in the fleet should be, consideration must be taken of the European war.—Havas.

Tomb Proposed for Unknown Soldier

Chungking, Feb. 4.

General Feng Yu-hsiang is proposing to raise funds for the construction of a bomb of the Unknown Soldier, in honour of the Chinese war dead. Iron figures of Mr. Wang Ching-wei and his wife are to kneel in front of the bomb.—Reuter.

Foreign Y. Features Novel Team Debate

Making a departure from its usual procedure, the Foreign Y.M.C.A. is featuring a novel team-debate at the regular weekly meeting of the Association's Debating Club at 9 p.m. Thursday.

Whereas on previous occasions the proposer and the opposer not only had the option of selecting their own topic but were also given several weeks in which to prepare it. Next Thursday's meeting will feature six members of the club who will only know their topic after it has been drawn from among 20 odd subjects. The speakers will be divided into two teams and will be given five minutes in which to prepare their speeches. During these five minutes, they will not be permitted to leave the hall nor will they be allowed to consult any books.

Fireworks Alight in Louza Lantern Shop

A fire which might have proved serious was extinguished within an hour at a Chinese lantern shop at 199 Pakhoi Road before daylight yesterday. Fireworks and various shop equipment were destroyed. Firemen from Central Station quickly put the flames under control. No-one was injured.

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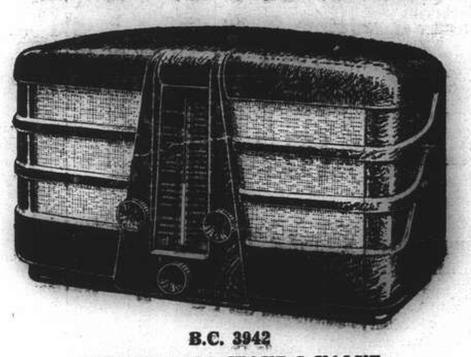

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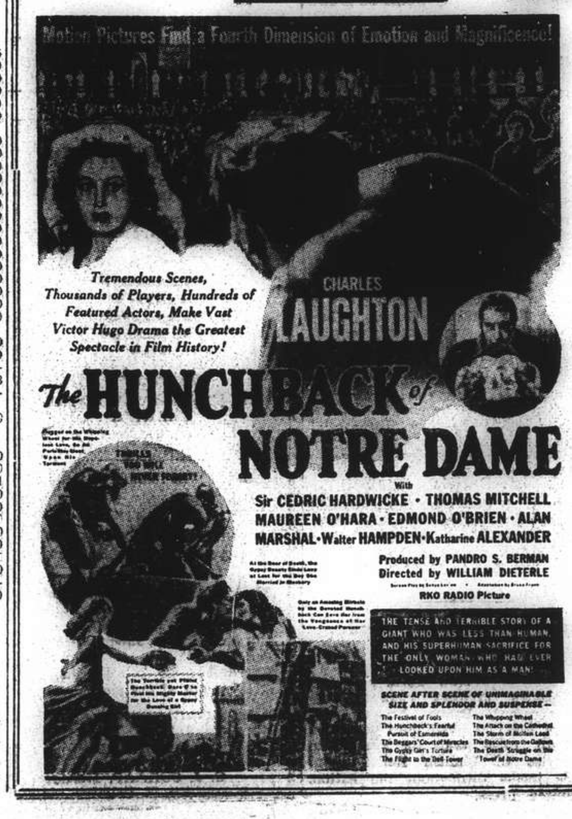
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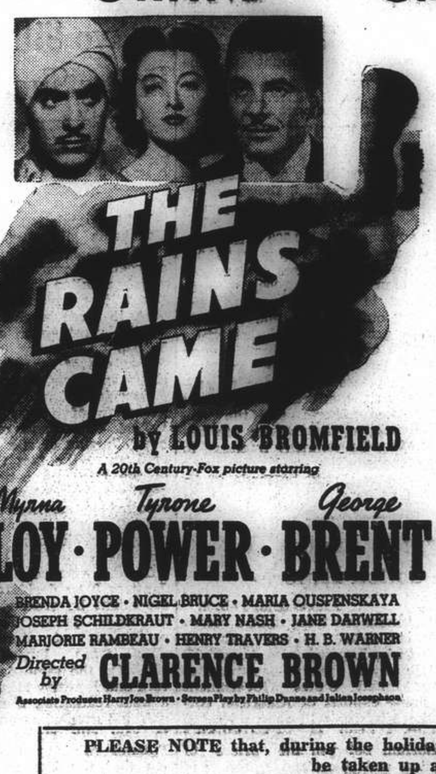
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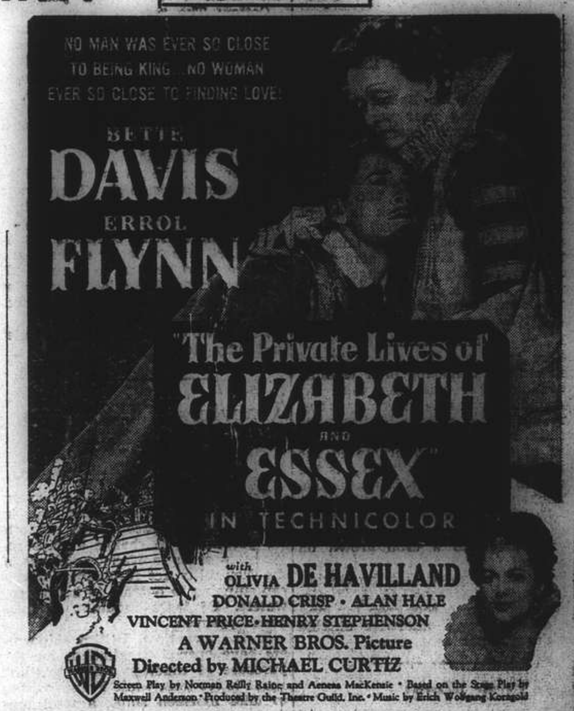
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Closing Feb. 3.

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	402.50	Shanghai	4 1/16d
Paris	176.50	Bombay	1/0 3/8
Berlin	——	Hongkong	1/2 1/8
Amsterdam	7.53	Singapore	2/4 3/8
Brussels	23.65	Yokohama	1/2 3/32
Madrid	39.00	„ (buying)	1/2 1/8
Milan	77.75	Prague	——
Berne	17.85		

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.20	Montreal	87.125
Spain	9.95	Brazil	5.10
Holland	53.09	Japan	23.49
Paris	2.25 3/4	S'hai	7.80
Brussels	16.92 1/2	Hungary	19.30
Italy	5.05	Rumania	0.78 N
S'zerland	22.42	Yugo Slavia	2.35
Sweden	23.82 1/2	Greece	0.73 3/4
Norway	22.72 1/2	Bulgaria	Unq.
Denmark	19.32 1/2	Finland	1.85
London			3.98 3/8
„ Demand			3.98
Buenos Aires Paper			Unq.
„ „ „ market rate			22.90
Montreal on London			4.56 5/8

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London: Feb. 3.

Fine Banks Bills,	3 months	1 1/8%
Bank Bills,	6 months	1 1/8%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2 1/4%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3 1/4%
Call Money		1/8%

New York: Closed.—Reuter.

U. S. Commodities

Saturday's Closing Quotations

New York, Feb. 3.

Cotton prices early moved up on foreign buying, but later reacted on liquidation and southern hedge-selling. Closing quotations were irregular, ranging from 5 points down to 1 point up compared with the previous final levels.

Trading in the market for raw rubber futures was a dull affair, with some shorts covering and factory interest in evidence. At the last call-over, quotations were from 2 points down to 1 point up from yesterday.

Wheat values eased today in Chicago, influenced by Western selling and reports of favourable weather in the south-west. At the final bell, losses from 3/8 to 1/2 cent were registered.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
Mar.	10.76-76 —03		
May	10.41-42 —01		
July	10.06-06 —05		
July (N.C.)		Mar.	18.69-69 —04
	10.23 N —05	May	18.19-20 unc.
Oct. (N.C.)			B/A
	9.47-48 unc.	July	18.01-01 +01
Dec. (N.C.)			
	9.40-40 +01		
Jan. (N.C.)			
	9.35 N unc.		
N. Y. Sugar No. 3		**N. Y. Sugar No. 4**	
Mar.	1.85-86 unc.	Mar.	1.56-57 —1/2
	B/A		B/A
May	1.92-93 unc.	May	1.52 1/2-53 1/2 +1
	B/A		B/A
Sept.	2.01-02 +01	Sept.	1.51-52 1/2 —1/2
	B/A		B/A
Chicago Wheat		**Chicago Corn**	
May	96 3/4-96 7/8 —3/8	May	54 7/8-55 —1/4
July	94-94 1/8 —1/2		
Winnipeg Wheat		**N. Y. Silk No. 1**	
May	84 3/8 B unc.		Closed

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

British Wartime Feeding

Roots of Equal Importance To the Farmer and the Nation as Cereals Are

An invidious distinction is often drawn between foodstuffs grown for human and for animal needs. The ultimate object for the growing of any product is human use, and it is necessary to keep this perspective in considering additional cereals grown for human consumption and additional feeding stuffs grown to replace imported cakes and cereals, states the Ministry of Agriculture.

In many ways we are now having to revert to the farming practices of a previous generation, to the days when roots were a far more important crop than some now consider them. Even allowing for a clear gain of 330,000 acres of sugar beet, English root acreage in 1938 was only 965,900 compared with 1,447,000 in 1914, although in the same period our cow and heifer population had grown from 2,484,220 to 3,074,319.

Cattle Feeding

In the old days, large quantities of roots and straw, with a small amount of oilcake, were sufficient to enable cattle to fatten slowly and cows to milk tolerably well. There seems little doubt that diary stock fed on these lines lived longer and reproduced with greater regularity than they do now. If the winter cows in milk lost some condition, they recovered quickly when the spring grass came.

Keeping the Balance

In the coming year we shall be producing a much larger quantity of straw, and on many farms it will be utilized for feeding. A diet consisting largely of straw needs the corrective of a large root supply and if the present head of livestock is to be maintained, increased cereal acreages, especially on stock farms, must be balanced by an increased acreage of root crops such as mangolds or swedes. There is no other crop like mangolds that will produce from 17 to 80 tons per acre.

Balance Farming

Here again our forefathers showed their skill in balancing their farming operations. For not only were the mangolds a valuable cleansing crops: they were also a form of insurance against a bad year for hay, for the kind of season unfavourable to the harvesting of a good hay crop is the season in which mangolds would give a bumper yield. War time conditions are likely to re-emphasize the usefulness of such a balance and give special value to a crop grown on the farm.

It should be noted that the County War Committees may, at their discretion, approve a root crop for land ploughed up and otherwise eligible for the £2 per acre grant.

New York Metal

New York Metals: Antimony, Chinese, in carload lots (25 tons) f.o.b. New York, duty paid, 16 1/2 cents per lb., unch. Tin, Straits, c.i.f., New York (25 ton lots) 45 5/8 cents per lb., unchanged Copper Electrolytic, first hand, 11 5/8 cents per lb., unch.—Reuter.

New York Stocks

Saturday's Closing Quotations

New York, Feb. 3.

Trading on Wall Street today was a dull and featureless affair, with stock values finishing fractionally higher, on balance. Aviation issues led the minor upward trend today, on prospects of good Allied orders in the near future, while other market favourites also came in for their small share of gains.

Steels, however, were exceptionally depressd on reported curtailment of operations by major companies for the coming week.

The turnover amounted to 291,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	145.79	145.29	145.59	+0.26
20 Rails	30.69	30.63	30.65	+0.01
15 Utilit.	24.77	24.73	24.74	+0.05
40 Bonds	——	——	89.35	+0.01
11 Commod.	——	——	58.26	—0.16

	Feb. 2	3		Feb. 2	3
Adams Exp	7 1/4	7 1/2	Jones & L	56 1/2	56 1/2
Alg Lud	21	21 1/8	Kennecott	34 1/8	35 1/4
Alld Stores	8 1/2	8 1/2	Lak F & M	4 1/8	4 1/2
Allis Chal	36 1/8	37 1/4	Libbey O F	*48 1/2	48 1/2
Alum Ld	99 1/2	100	Lockheed	30 3/8	31
Amer Can	113 1/2	113 1/2	Loew's	36	36 1/4
Am Cyan B	34 1/4	34 1/2	Mack Trks	24 1/4	24 1/2
Am For	1 1/8	1 1/8	Martin G	38 1/4	39 1/4
„ $7 pfd	23 1/2	*23 1/2	McK & R	*18 1/4	*18 1/4
Am G & E	36 1/8	36 1/2	Monsanto	107	106 5/8
Am Loco	18 1/8	18 1/8	Mont Ward	51 1/2	52
Am Metal	22 1/8	*23	Nat Avia	13	12 7/8
Am Radtr	9 1/4	9 1/2	Nat C B	*29	*29
Am R Mill	15	14 1/2	Nat Dairy	16 1/8	17
Am Smltg	47 1/8	47 1/4	Nat Distrs	23 1/8	23 1/8
Am Sugar R	19 1/8	*19 1/8	Nat Gyp	10 1/8	*10 1/8
Am T & T	171	171 1/2	Nat Lead	19 1/8	19 1/8
Am Tob B	90	90 1/2	Nat P & Lt	8	8
Am Wtrwks	10	9 1/8	Nat Steel	67 1/2	*67 1/4
Anaconda	26 1/8	26 1/2	Nat Supply	8 1/8	8 1/2
Atchison	23 1/2	23 1/2	N Y Cent	16	16 1/8
Auburn	2	2 1/8	Niag Hud	5	4 3/8
Bald Loco	15	15	N A Avian	25 1/2	25 1/8
B & Ohio	5 1/2	5 1/2	N Am Co	21 1/8	21 1/4
Barber	14 1/2	14 1/4	N Pacific	8 1/8	*8 1/4
Barnsdall	12	12	O I Glass	63 1/8	63 1/4
Ben Avia	30 1/4	30 1/8	Pac G & E	34	34 1/4
Beth St	74	73 1/2	Pac Light	47	47
Bliss	13 1/8	*13	Packard	3 1/4	3 1/4
Boeing	24 1/2	24 1/4	Paramount	7	7
Borg War	23 1/2	22 1/2	Penn R R	21 1/8	21 1/8
Brid Brass	10 1/2	10 1/2	Phelps D	35	35
Briggs Mfg	20	*20 1/2	P & R Coal	*0 1/8	*0 1/8
Bkn-M Tr	15 1/8	16 1/8	Phil Pet	39	39 1/4
„ $6 pfd	56 1/2	57 1/2	Pitts C & I	7 1/8	*7
Budd Mfg	5 1/8	5 1/8	P S of N J	40 1/2	40 1/2
Can Pac	4 1/4	4 1/2	Pullman	26 1/8	26 1/8
Case J I	68	*66	Pure Oil	8 1/2	*8 1/8
Celanese	27 1/8	27 1/8	Radio Corp	5 1/8	5 1/8
Chase N B	*34 1/8	*34 1/4	Reading	15 3/8	15 1/8
Ches & Ohio	39 1/8	39 1/2	„ 1st pfd	*25 1/2	*25 1/2
Chrysler	80 1/2	81	Rem Arms	*4 1/8	*4 1/4
Clim Mlyb	37	37	Rep Avia	6	6 1/4
Colt's	*78 1/4	79	Rep Steel	19 1/4	19 1/2
Col G & E	6 1/2	6 1/2	Rev C & B	*11 1/4	*11 1/8
„ 6% pfd	87	*86 1/2	Rey Tob B	40 1/4	40 1/2
Com Credit	46 1/2	47	Richfield	7 1/4	*7 1/4
Com & Sth	1 1/2	1 1/2	Safeway	48	47 3/8
Cons Edis	32	31 1/2	Schenley	12 1/2	12 3/4
Cons Oil	7 1/4	7 1/2	Sears Roeb	82 1/2	83
Cont Can	43	43 1/2	Shell U Oil	10 1/8	11 1/4
Cont Oil	23 1/8	24 1/8	Soc-Van	11 1/8	11 1/2
Copwld St	16 1/2	16 1/2	Sthrn Pac	12 1/2	12 3/8
Corn Prod	63	62 1/2	Sthrn Rly	30	29 7/8
Curtiss Wr	10 1/4	10 1/8	Sperry	45 1/2	45 1/2
„ A	2 3/8	30	Spicer	30 1/8	*30 1/2
Deere & Co	20	20	Std Brands	7 1/8	7 1/8
Dist Cpn S	19 1/8	*19 1/4	Std G & E	1 1/8	1 1/8
Douglas	82	82 1/2	Std Oil C	24 1/4	24 1/2
Du Pont	179 1/2	179 3/4	Std O of NJ	43 1/8	43 1/4
Eag P Lead	10 1/8	10 1/4	Stone & W	10 1/8	10 1/4
Eaton Mfg	†30 1/8	30 1/8	Studebaker	10 1/8	10 1/8
Elc A Lite	35 1/8	36 1/4	Swift Int	*31 1/8	*31 1/8
Elec B & S	6 1/8	7	Technicolor	15 1/8	16
„ $5 pfd	*56 1/4	56 1/2	Tex Corp	43	43
„ $6 pfd	*66	66	Tex Gulf	34 1/2	34 1/2
E P & Lt	30	30 1/8	Tim D Axle	21 1/8	21 1/8
Elec Rub	14	14 1/4	Transamer	5 1/8	*5 1/8
Flintkote	19 1/4	19	Tw Cent P	11 1/4	11 1/8
Gen Am Tr	52 1/8	*53	U C F pfd	*24 1/2	*24 1/2
Gen Elec	38 1/8	38 1/4	Un Carbide	78 1/8	79 1/8
Gen Motor	52 1/8	52 1/8	Un Pacific	93 1/2	93 1/2
Gen Rly	16 1/8	*16 1/4	Un Aircraft	48 1/8	48 1/8
Gen T & R	22	21 1/2	Un Air L	15 1/8	15 1/8
Glidden C	17 1/8	18	Un Corp	2 1/8	2 1/4
Goodrich	17 1/8	17 1/2	„ $3 pfd	40 1/4	40 1/2
„ $5 pfd	64	*63 1/2	Un Gas	1 1/8	1 1/8
Goodyear	22 1/8	22 1/2	Un G Imp	14 1/2	14 1/2
Gt N I Ore	14	14	U S Ind Al	21 1/2	*21 1/2
Gt N Rly	23 1/4	22 1/2	U S Rubber	36 1/8	36 1/2
Gt W Sugar	*27 1/4	27 1/4	„ 8% pfd	110 1/2	110 1/2
Greyhound	16 1/4	16 1/2	U S Steel	56 1/2	56 1/8
Her Pow	*87 1/2	88 1/2	Vanadium	30 1/2	30 1/2
Homestake	59	58 1/4	Walworth	*5 1/2	*5 1/2
Int Harv	53 1/8	54	War Br Pic	3 1/8	3 1/8
Int Nickel	35 1/4	35 1/4	West Elec	108 1/2	108 1/2
Int T & T	4	4	Woodward	23 1/8	24
Johns Manv	72	*71 1/4			

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„ 6 1/2% 1957	15 7/8	15 3/4
Cities Serv. Pwr. & Lt.	84 5/8	85 1/4
Erie R.R. 6s 1967	14 1/2	14 3/4
Int. Tel. & Tel.	43	43 1/4
New England Gas & Elec.	64 1/2	64 3/4
Republic of Colombia	*30 1/2	31
„ (1928) 6s '61	30 3/4	31
Sthrn. Pacific Co.	46 1/4	*46 1/4
Stand. Gas & Elec.	60	61 1/2

*—Bid. †—Ex. dividend.

Dow-Jones Summary

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Stock prices ruled steady today in a session of light trading, with special issues again providing the main features. Market news tended to be unfavourable, especially news affecting the steel industry, which resulted in small recessions in steel issues. Next week leading steel centers are planning drastic curtailment of operating schedules. Aviations improved because of news of heavy orders of airplanes soon arriving. Utility common stocks moved mostly fractionally higher. Near the close, the mojority of the main list held minor gains.

Stocks: Again ruled firm, especially aircrafts which responded to reports of new Allied orders being negotiated. The "Times" Index of business activity was placed at 103.2 against 103.7 for last week and 92.1 for the corresponding period of the previous year.

Cotton: The market is apparently well liquidated, but traders are continuing to adopt a waiting attitude.

Wheat: Ruled easier on further beneficial snows in the southwest. The reinstatement of the subsidy, it is believed, will result in four to five million bushels of Pacific Coast sales to the Orient.

Corn: Featureless.

Rubber: Trading was quiet. Shipment offers were high. There was some factory interest in nearbys, while it is reported that delivery is wanted on March contracts only. Only 1,580 tons of barter rubber have been received here up to January 27.

Hides: Increasing sales of spots at 1/8 to 1/4 cent advance were noted. Packers were reluctant sellers.

Sugar No. 4: Conditions were quiet and fully steady.

Transfers of U.S. Ships Approved By State

Washington, Feb. 3.

Since the outbreak of the European hostilities, the Department of State in Washington has received 93 requests for permission to change a ships registry, in order to evade the clause of the Neutrality act forbidding American shipping to operate in belligerent waters. Of these requests, 66 have been approved.

In the meantime, British shipowners have opened negotiations for the purchase of nineteen ships, totalling about 73,000 tons, while France wishes to take fourteen ships, a total tonnage of 30,000.

Furthermore, the United States Lines has already transferred eight ships to a Norwegian company, although the transfer of flags has not taken place yet.—Havas.

Australian Trade And Commerce

Little Affected by War So Far; Imports Control Effective December

Being so far distant from the main theatre of war, Australia is showing, up to the present, relatively little adverse effects of the change from a peace to a war-time footing. No doubt, in course of time, shortages of imported goods of various kinds will lead to considerable difficulty in certain industries, but, so far, supplies of nearly all lines have been adequate to cover needs, deficiencies which have appeared being due mainly to rationing of stocks by distributing houses. Some such course of action is a necessary safeguard against overbuying by manufacturers and retailers. Also it may prevent acute shortages from developing, as while stocks are being conserved, endeavours can be made to draw upon new sources of supply, and the local manufacture of various lines can be developed, says the National Bank of Australasia Ltd., in its December report.

The change in conditions has been accompanied by much-increased demands, not only for the wide range and great volume of goods required for military purposes, but also for many industrial products. In part the addition to non-military demands results from purchases made in anticipation of rising prices, particularly of imported goods or of articles made largely of imported materials. Another important factor is the restriction of some imports and stoppages of others due to causes such as the closure of sources of supply, shipping shortages, inability of oversea manufacturers to complete orders, rising prices in oversea markets, and added costs for freight, insurance, and, in some markets, exchange. To these must be added the import prohibitions brought into force on December 1. These changes have already stimulated local production of various sections of both primary and secondary industry, with helpful reactions on the tone of business in general.

Timber Imports

For example, Australia has been a heavy importer of softwoods for building, case-making and a variety of other uses. Apparently further shipments cannot be expected from Baltic ports, and there may be a reduction in the quantities coming forward from the Pacific coast of North America. Consequently local timber mills will be working to capacity and new plants will be brought into operation. Whether they will be able to cope with demands depends on such things as the quantity of fruit exported in cases and the extent to which the building trade maintains its activities. It is reasonable to expect new construction to decline as costs increase and as the Government diverts resources from private use to military purposes, by means of its loan operations, control of capital issues, and increased taxation.

Control of Imports

Following earlier actions taken by the Government to control internal investment and avoid undue diversion of national resources to purposes not helpful to the war effort, regulations for the control of imports from non-Sterling countries became effective from December 1. They are designed to conserve resources in non-Sterling exchange, more particularly by restricting imports of goods not considered essential under existing conditions. Goods classed as non-essential and consequently placed in the prohibited list include alcoholic liquors, various foodstuffs, manufactured tobacco, piece-goods, floor-coverings, metals, various metal manufactures and machinery, motor parts, certain tools, paints, and some chemicals. The restrictions do not apply to goods, which were in transit to Australia on or by December 1 and will arrive before February 29. Licences will be issued permitting import of goods on order under letters of credit established before December 1. Some elasticity of control will be permitted for certain seasonal imports, special machinery, new industrial equipment and essential commodities. For other goods classed as essential, import licences are required. The licensing control does not extend to goods originating in the Sterling area, but purchases within the Empire are subject to some oversight through the operations of the Exchange Control instituted on August 28. Canada, Newfoundland and Hongkong are not included in the Sterling area, and goods from those countries are subject to the restrictions which apply to foreign countries. At the time he made the announcement the Minister for Customs stated that further restrictions appeared inevitable.

Supplementary Budget

On November 30 the Federal Treasurer submitted a supplementary budget for the current year, which provides £62,014,000 for expenditure on defence. This amount will be obtained from:

Revenue	£13,780,000
Balances in Trust Account	2,053,000
Loan Fund	46,181,000
	£62,014,000

Comparison with the estimates submitted on September 8 shows an increase in estimated defence expenditure of £28,877,000. Of this additional amount £27,109,000 will come out of loan funds and only £1,768,000 from taxation. Increases in taxation, which aggregated £8,000,000, were announced in September, and the uncertain outlook and the need to maintain general economic activities at as high a level as possible were advanced as reasons for avoiding further increases in taxation at present. When the effects of the larger income from exports and the expanded defence expenditure are apparent, the Government intends to review the position and determine what changes should be made in its financial policy.

Egypt to Impose Tax On Cotton Exports

Alexandria, Feb. 3.

It is announced today that a cotton export tax of 200 milliems per 100 kilos will be imposed from August 15. The Ministry of Finance declares that in the United States Government subsidizing exports of American cotton, the Ministry will reconsider the tax with a view to re-establishing equilibrium between the prices of Egyptian and American cotton, and with a view to finding other sources of revenue.—Reuter.

Position in Germany By a German

Allies Cash and Ships are Killing Her Economically

"Unless we force the Balkans to fight an economic war on our side we shall be strangled by the blockade," declared a representative of Germany's gigantic chemical industries at Zurich on December 9. He was on his way to the Balkans, says the Zurich correspondent of the "Sunday Express."

An invisible blockade is far more devastating than naval warfare aimed at chasing German battleships and submarines off the seas. Particularly is this so since England and France pooled their buying.

In the Balkans the Allies are not fighting with lead and steel, but with gold and silver. Wherever foodstuffs and raw materials are ready for sale a representative of some well known British or French firm, in reality acting for his Government, appears, ready to pay spot cash—sterling or dollars—for timber, ores, grain, hides, textiles, fibres, or anything vitally necessary to Germany.

When the deal is closed, the buyer, who as a rule does not really need the goods, has them warehoused, under the pretext that he is unable at the moment to obtain transport to England.

Necessities

Germany has the chagrin of seeing how these vital necessities are withheld from her. These deals are all the more alluring to the Balkans because they are quick, simple and straightforward, and yield sterling, with which raw cotton can be bought from the United States. At present the dearth of cotton is proving an acute impediment to the Balkan textile industries.

England arranges to convoy the ships carrying the cargoes, which Germany cannot do.

The Allies never buy fruit or other perishable commodities.

Only one Allied buyer appears at one place. If the seller hesitates, the buyer disappears and the seller then has no option but to accept a complicated German barter deal.

Broken down

Asked how Germany financed her foreign trade under blockade conditions, the German industrialist admitted that the blocked-mark method, invented by Dr. Schacht, which was used successfully during the Hitler régime, had now broken down.

Germany must now pay for imports with actual goods. To obtain bank credits or loans from neutral countries is out of the question. Germany is already heavily in debt to these nations, and particularly to Switzerland, where about £100,000,000 is involved.

As regards iron ore, Germany's need is so great that a decree, just issued, provides for the demolition of all gas and electric light lampposts, enamel advertising signs and nameplates, showcases, and even iron doors and window shutters.

Japanese Cotton Textile Exports

Increased Sales Brings Much Needed Foreign Currency to Country

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

Returns of the Federation of Spinners Associations which have just been made public show that exports of cotton goods abroad have brought to Japan a gratifying balance of 119 million yens in the year 1939.

During the said year, Japan has exported to foreign countries outside the yen-block Y 383,155,000 worth of cotton textiles, a figure which exceeds the amount estimated in the material mobilization plan. Adding cotton yarn and miscellaneous cotton goods, the total amount of cotton textiles sold to third countries is valued at a figure well over 500 million yens, which is an increase of more than 80 millions over the previous year.

Raw Cotton Imports

On the other hand, Japan had to import slightly more than Y400 millions of raw cotton from third countries. Deducing the figure of imports from that of exports, the balance amounts to Y 119 milllions, which makes an important contribution to Japan's supply of foreign currency.

An unprecedented increase in the exports of cotton yarns is seen in contrast to a weakening of the miscellaneous cotton goods trade. Also specially worth of attention has been the rivalry between Japanese cotton mills in China and those at home, a pressure which is expected to continue in 1940.—Havas.

Tokyo Silk Market Prices Slump

Government Intervenes To Curb Speculation; Y.2,428 to Y.1,550 Fall

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

Wild speculation active on the Yokohama silk market up to the middle of January was checked by energetic government intervention which resulted in the price of raw silk falling sensationally by 36 per cent. in three weeks.

After reaching an all-time high of Y.2,428 on January 8, the quotation for a bale of raw silk for June delivery has now dropped to Y.1,550.

Speculation was due to the anticipation of a war boom in the United States and of a resultant heavy buying of silk by America, as well as to the fact that the control of the rice and cotton markets recently enforced by the Government resulted in an invasion of the silk market by speculators previously occupied with these two commodities.

The Government stepped in on January 9 by deciding that all brokers might be ordered at any time to make public the names and professions of those for whom they were buying or selling silk. On the same day, the Agriculture and Forestry Ministry announced a plan regulating the export of raw silk and precluding any sudden boom in raw silk exports. Finally, the Finance Ministry took measures to see that the banks cease lending money for purely speculative purposes.—Havas.

State As a Trader In a Large Way

Sufficient Stocks of Raw Materials Ensured By Government's Foresight

The foresight of the Government in ensuring that sufficient stocks of essential raw materials were ready to hand on the outbreak of war was commented on by Colonel J. J. Llewellin, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Supply, when he addressed a conference of Press representatives on January 12. He mentioned that the State, through the Ministry of Supply, had become a trader in a very large way, and handled directly materials of the annual value of £150,000,000, states "The Times."

The aim of the Ministry was to see that the stocks essential to our war effort were maintained, to buy such stocks at the best prices obtainable, to avoid violent fluctuation in prices, and to ensure that stocks were distributed in such a way as to secure their use for the needs most essential to winning the war.

Pre-War Plans

Before the present war the Board of Trade Supply Organization was working out plans under the Committee of Imperial Defence. It had prepared plans for conserving and maintaining supplies of raw materials in time of war, and for diverting them to their essential uses. It did this very largely in consulation with the trades themselves. The whole of this organization was transferred to the Ministry of Supply on August 1, 1939, which proceeded with its labours without any lack of continuity.

More than planning had been done, because the sudden transition from peace to war meat that industry had to be turned to different uses, and in the turning over there were increasing demands for certain raw materials. Heavy air attacks and attacks by submarine or mine were anticipated, and the Government opportunely looked round to see what stocks of raw materials should be laid in. They enlisted the help of the trades concerned, and were indebted to those who had laid in bigger stocks than they normally carried in peace-time. The Government also bought considerable stocks of their own quietly and without any disturbance of normal markets or normal run of prices, and we actually started the war with large stocks of aluminium, zinc, antimony, silver, phosphate rock, and other materials.

It was good to look round the Empire and see that in it we were almost self-supporting in the raw materials that we needed. We supplied a very large proportion of the rubber and tin of the world, and in other commodities our productive capacity had greatly increased since 1914. The Empire production of copper in 1914 was 85,000 tons a year; today it was 600,000 tons. Lead ore production had gone up from 130,000 tons to 620,000 tons today; nickel from 20,000 tons to 95,000 tons; aluminium from 13,900 tons to 88,000 tons; and asbestos from 99,000 tons to 344,000 tons.

A Linoleum Contract

Dealing with what had been done since the war started, Colonel Llewellin said that the State, through the Ministry of Supply, had become a trader in a large way. They were the owners of practically all the supplies of aluminium, copper, and other non-ferrous metals, wool and flax, and most of the raw materials of fertilizers and molasses. "But," said Colonel Llewellin, "let no one think that we buy things for no reason or buy them extravagantly." He referred to a recent Criticism of a running contract for a year for 2,000,000 yards of linoleum. He supposed that it must have been thought that the linoleum was for the floors of some of the buildings which had been taken over. The facts were that, as there was an acute shortage of timber, they had had to cut down its use not only for civil purposes but for Service uses as well. New huts for the Army and for ordnance factories would have concrete floors instead of wooden ones, and they would have linoleum covering.

Bulk Purchase Contracts

The bulk purchase contracts had largely been made with Empire producers and the Empire Governments concerned, and it could now be disclosed that tentative arrangements for many of these large contracts had been made before the war started which enabled contracts to be implemented and take effect immediately war broke out. They had, for instance, bought the whole of the Australian and New Zealand wool clips for the period of the war and one year after.

With regard to flax, he said that its purchase was not easy, as the main supply in peace-time came from the Baltic countries. They were trying to increase flax production in this country and in Northern Ireland, and it was of interest to note that an increased quantity would be grown on the King's Sandringham estate. They had bought up the whole surplus of copper and zinc from Canada, Australia, Rhodesia, and Burma, as well as large quantities of lead from Canada, Australia, and Burma. They had bought on long-term contracts at such a price that they were now selling the raw material here well below the ruling world prices.

Aluminium Output

They had bought the whole aluminium output of Great Britain and the whole of the exportable surplus of Canada and large quantities from the United States of America and other foreign countries. Steps were being taken to increase the production in this country and in Canada. They had bought all the exportable surpluses of Australia, Burma, New Zealand, and certain foreign countries. In this case they were buying the materials and pooling their resources between Great Britain and France.

Referring to the comparative steel position now and during the first months of the last War, Colonel Llewellin said that this country's steel capacity had gone up by 75 per cent. If they took the home and Empire production together they found that it had increased from 9,000,000 tons a year at the beginning of the last War to 18,500,000 tons today.

Nurmi and Maki Arrive In New York

New York, Feb. 4.

Finland's greatest runners past and present, Paavo Nurmi and Taistoi Maki, arrived here yesterday to help raise funds for Finland in a series of Finnish Relief Fund track meets throughout the nation.—United Press.

A New Harbour In Queensland

Deep Water Port Built To Cope with Growth of The Sugar Industry

Sugar was first planted in the Mackay district of Queensland in 1865 by John Spiller, one of the earliest settlers in that part of the State. Since then almost 3,000,000 tons of sugar, worth £52,441,028, has been produced in the Mackay district, where there are now seven modern factories, five of them owned by the growers themselves.

Development of the sugar industry long since outran the port facilities that the Pioneer river mouth, on which the town of Mackay stands, could provide and in 1928, after several attempts to form a deep water harbour at the river mouth had failed, a scheme was adopted for the construction of a new port at a site about 2 1/2 miles to the north, states "The Empire Producer."

The Government authorized a loan of £1,000,000, and granted a subsidy of £250,000, or 25 per cent. of the cost, whichever should be the greater.

New Harbour

The new harbour, opened by the Rt. Hon. W. Forgan Smith, M.L.A., LL.D., Premier of Queensland, on August 26 last, has an area of 165 acres, protected by breakwaters, 4,240 ft. and 3,315 ft. long. A concrete pier, 766 ft. long and 138 ft. wide, is equipped with sugar sheds. To meet future requirements provision has been made for a wharf on the southern breakwater, and two more piers between the existing pier and the northern breakwater. At the entrance, which is 600 ft. wide, there is a natural depth of 30 ft. at low water of spring tides and the depth alongside berths is 33 ft. at L.W.O.S.T., so that the harbour will accommodate the largest vessels that visit Queensland ports.

Connected with Mackay

The new port is connected by road and rail with the town of Mackay, 3 1/2 miles to the south. A beautifully illustrated souvenir brochure was issued to commemorate the inauguration of the new Mackay outer harbour, which is clearly destined to play a very important part in the future of the local sugar, dairying, pig rearing, and beef cattle industries. More than 700,000 lb. of butter was made in the district in 1938-39. The town of Mackay now has about 12,000 residents and the district contains 32,000.

Australian Overseas Trade Figures

The September return has been made available. Merchandise imports for the month were down 13 per cent. on the figures for September last year. Merchandise exports contracted 12 1/2 per cent. Figures for gold shipments are not published.

BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES

	Sept. 1938	Sept. 1939	3 Months July-Sept 1938	3 Months July-Sept 193
	£M	£M	£M	£M
Merchandise—				
Exports	7.3	6.4	20.4	19.5
Imports	7.9	6.8	26.0	24.9
Commodity Balance	—0.6	—0.4	—5.6	—5.4

The drop in imports shown in the September figures is notable. The movement over the previous six months was:

Month		Impts of Merchandise £ Millions Stg.
1939	April	6.8
	May	8.4
	June	8.3
	July	8.9
	Aug.	9.2
	Sept.	6.8

The reduction in merchandise imports from £7.8 millions stg. in September last year to £6.8 millions stg. for September this year is mainly due to the variations shown below:

	£ Sterling
Tobacco	+ 96,000
Tea	— 60,000
Raw Silk	+ 44,000
Petrol	+142,000
Machinery	—252,200
Motor Chassis	—163,000
Rubber	— 60,000
Fertilisers	— 58,000

Exports of merchandise have been relatively steady over the last six months. The falling off in the September figures, in comparison with the parallel month of last year, amounts to £A.1,141,000, due to a fall of £A.1,944,000 in the value of wool exported, partly compensated by additions of £A.725,000 in foodstuffs of animal origin, £A.245,000 in sugar, and £A.332,000 in iron and steel.

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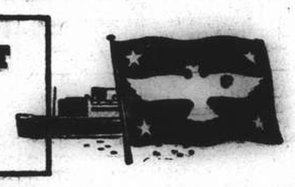

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The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening

From SOERABAYA: Tjitjalengka, with mail, due about 9 a.m. Holt's Wharf. Passengers expected at Customs Jetty between 10-11 a.m.

From NAGASAKI: Shanghai Maru, with mail, due about 2 p.m. Wayside Wharf.

DUE AT FUTURE DATES

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedute the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GENOA

C. B'camano	26/1	22/2
Marin Sanudo	29/12	15/3

From TRIESTE

Himalaya	21/12	10/2
Monte Piana	20/1	9/3

From SINGAPORE

Himalaya	23/1	10/2

From SOERABAYA

Tjisadane	2/2	19/2

From MANILA

P. Taft	—	10/2
P. Cleveland	5/2	11/2

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK

Mokihana	—	10/2
Sophocles	24/12	14/2
Ivaran	—	17/2
Sorholt	30/12	21/2
Laura Maersk	10/1	22/2
N. Maersk	24/1	11/3
S. Navigator	—	12/3

From PANAMA

N. Maersk	4/2	11/2

From LOS ANGELES

Asama M.	1/1	10/2
Sophocles	16/1	14/2
Sorholt	18/1	21/2
L. Maersk	31/1	22/2

From LOS ANGELES

Tatuta M.	15/1	24/2
P. Coolidge	5/2	27/2

From SEATTLE

Collingsworth	13/1	8/2
Satartia	—	22/2

From PORTLAND

Canton	27/1	20/2

From HONOLULU

Asama M.	9/1	10/2
Tatuta M.	23/1	24/2

From KEELUNG

Hukuken Maru	8/2	10/2

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN			From MOMBASA		
Ruys	17/1	24/2	Ruys	4/2	24/2

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN

Tsingtao M.	5/2	7/2

VESSELS LEAVING

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VESSELS SAILING

The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

For LIVERPOOL

Hakozaki Maru	7/2
Husimi Maru	1/3

For OSLO

Tai Ping Yang	14/2

For GENOA

C. B'camano	24/2
Marin Sanudo	18/3

For TRIESTE

Himalaya	13/2
Monte Piana	12/3

For BOMBAY

Durban Maru	6/2
Tango Maru	7/2
Toba Maru	12/2

For CAPETOWN

Ruys	26/2

For JAVA

Tjitjalengka	8/2

For HONGKONG

Asama Maru	11/2

For MANILA

Sophocles	15/2
P. Garfield	19/2
Laura Maersk	26/2
P. Coolidge	28/2
N. Maersk	13/3
Sophocles	15/3

For NEW YORK

Kansai Maru	8/2
Lexa Maersk	18/2
Ivaran	19/2
Torrens	21/2
A. Maersk	2/3
Sophocles	12/3
Azuma Maru	13/3

For SAN FRANCISCO

P. Taft	11/2
P. Cleveland	12/2
Asama Maru	17/2
Canton	20/2
*P. Pierce	27/2
Tatuta Maru	2/3
P. Coolidge	12/3

For SEATTLE

Collingworth	10/2
Satartia	24/2

For YOKOHAMA

Haruna Maru	24/2

For KOBE

Kasima Maru	17/2
Taiyo Maru	21/2

For NAGASAKI

Shanghai Maru	6/2
Shanghai Maru	10/2

For DAIREN

Hoten Maru	6/2
Tsingtao Maru	9/2
Dairen Maru	12/2
Hoten Maru	15/2
Tsingtao Maru	17/2
Dairen Maru	20/2

VESSELS LEAVING (Cont.)

SOUTH CHINA COAST

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WEATHER, TIME AND TIDE

Monday, February 5, 1940 (28th day of 12th moon)

	SICCAWEI			
	Feb. 3 16.00	Feb. 3 21.10	Feb. 4 4.00	Feb. 4 9.00
Barometer inches	30.40	30.44	30.44	30.44
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.02	—0.01	+0.02	0.00
at 32 F. („ 12 hrs.)	—0.02	—0.00	+0.04	0.00
Wind (direction)	NW/N	NW	NW/W	Var.
„ (miles per hour)	6.2	1.9	0.6	1.9
Temperature (Fahr.)	28.°4	21.°6	23.°5	32.°4
Humidity %	57	80	84	81
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	1	0	9	8
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report February 3	Mean 1940	24 hrs. variation	67 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.43	+0.06	30.30
Temp. Min. 13.°5 Max. 34.°3	40.°1	+9.°6	37.00
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	2.99	—	2.21

Time and Tide	5/2	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2
Sun rises at Shanghai ..	6.45	6.44	6.43	6.42	6.42
Sun sets at Shanghai	17.32	17.32	17.33	17.34	17.35
Moon rises at Shanghai ..	4.10	4.55	5.37	6.16	6.52
Moon sets at Shanghai ..	14.58	15.52	16.45	17.39	18.32
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	8.25	9.38	10.20	11.00	11.32
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	13.34	14.25	15.10	15.50	16.28
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	10.43	11.30	12.10	12.37	13.09
Ht. above LLW. (feet) ..	9.00	—	7.50	7.79	8.30

POST OFFICE NOTICES

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MONDAY, February 5.		*Reg.*	*Ord.*
Amoy and Hongkong		*19.00	7.15
Swatow via Amoy		*19.00	7.15
Hongkong and Canton		8.30	9.00
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai	x	9.30	10.00
Tsingtao		9.30	10.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00
TUESDAY, February 6.			
Japan and Korea via Nagasaki		*20.00	7.15
Tsingtao and Dairen		*20.00	7.15
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia		*20.00	8.00
Hongkong		*20.00	8.30
Chefoo and Tientsin	x	9.30	10.00
Chefoo and Tientsin		10.00	10.30
Keelung Aust. N.Z. S.S. India Suez and Europe via Suez		14.00	16.00
Hongkong and Canton		15.30	16.00
Indo-China (Z) via Haiphong	B	—	—
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00

* The night before.
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B Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 12.00 on 6th.
X Provisional time—subject to alterations.
Z Parcel mail only.
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Imperial Airways Service per steamer on February 8, at 10 a.m. for registered and at 11 a.m. for ordinary due London on February 21.
Pan American Airways Service per steamer on February 10, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary due San Francisco on February 20.
Air France per steamer on February 10, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary.
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Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per steamer to Hongkong.
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Hangchow 11.30 and 10.30 p.m.
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Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	*From*	*Consignees*
Heini	T'lungkong	G.F.E.
Remo	Sungmen	V. Chieri
Ryutoh M.	Cebu	Miyashita
Sandro Sandri	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Hoten M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
Chekiang M.	Tsungming	T.K.K.
Whakou	Hsinkong	Kiang An
Liesel	T'lungkong	Chin Dah
U.S.S. Guam	Cruise	—
Lipari	T'lungkong	Dong Shing
Hungyun M.	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Nantung M.	Nantung	T.K.K.
U.S.S. Luzon	Cruise	—

Yesterday's Departures

Name	*Flag*	*Despatcher*
Anna Maersk	Dan.	Maersk L. T.K.K.
Chingming M.	Jap.	
Anna Stathatos	Gre.	Ch. Hellenic T.C.C.
Hareldawins	Br.	T.K.K.
Hengshan M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Okitu M.	Jap.	O.S.K.
Arabia M.	Jap.	

Men-of-War in Port

Name	*Flag*	*Type*	*Berthed*
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
E. Carlotto	Itl.	Gbt.	J.N.B.
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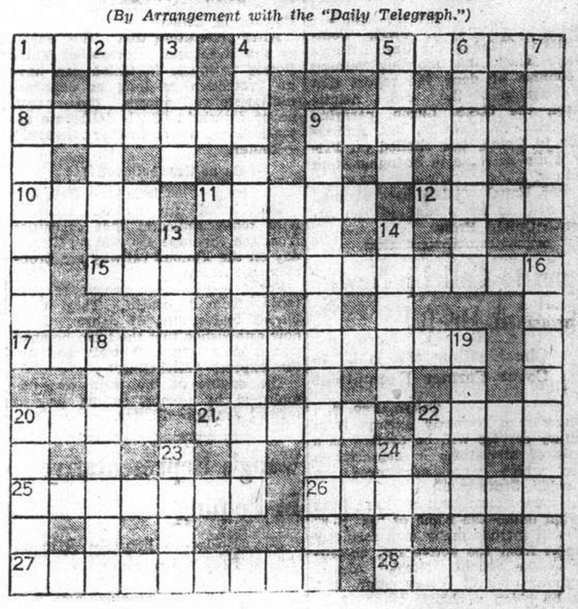


ACROSS

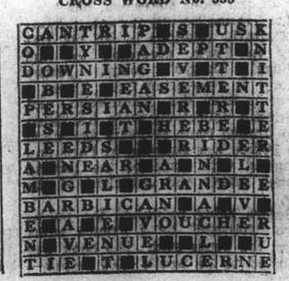
1 Part of Germany that seems to be the home of a scholar
4 You would find this not a learned person, or amusing if disturbed
8 Echo in the matter of noise
9 One kind of wrap that is more than another
10 French Marshal
11 A movement is on the move
12 A certain part of 16 down
15 Calm and wise
17 The fixed intention shown by the resolute
20 Just a piece of water and nothing else
21 Bookies often shout out the price of this periodical
22 This lady is always a bit of a fraud
25 Disappointment that yet seems to show some sign of amusement
26 Result
27 What part of a gun was a Scott novel?
28 This name of one park should surely suit almost any other

DOWN

1 Could one call a shameless, much-painted lady this?
2 A little bit of a car that sounds as if it might be of use to a housemaid
3 This name for something shows nothing in a good lady
4 Apparently this kind of illness shows itself in character
5 A common form of fire
6 An oyster perhaps
7 Do holiday-makers go on this German river?
9 General (four words)
13 Is a brief made of this?
14 Part of the Irish Channel that is belonging to them
16 Without haste but with certainty at the end
18 Storm
19 Excitable
20 Bird that ought to be able to utter more than its tail
23 Flower
24 To be born after this is to be obstinate

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.—ACROSS: 1 Turtledove; 8 Jaunt; 9 Conveyance; 10 Delay; 13 Cairo; 16 Cereal; 17 Borage; 18 Ankus; 19 Canvas; 20 Encore; 21 Spoor; 22 Kirtle; 23 Viking; 24 Swede; 27 Stake; 31 Derogatory; 32 Count; 33 Flesh tints. DOWN: 1 Toc H; 2 Rind; 3 Lies; 4 Diana; 5 Vicar; 6 Madeira cake; 7 Endangering; 11 Retaliation; 12 Leave-taking; 13 Classes; 14 Irksome; 15 Observe; 25 Wheel; 26 Drops; 28 Cast; 29 Down; 30 Eyes.

SOLUTION OF SUNDAY CROSS WORD No. 535



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Halting of Tatsuta Maru Explained

Vessel Halted by Flash Signals After She Left San Francisco

Yokohama, Feb. 4.

Halting of the N.Y.K. liner Tatsuta Maru off the California coast on January 18 by an unidentified vessel, which asked its name and destination, was a violation of international law, the captain of the Japanese liner declared on its arrival here yesterday afternoon.

First report of the stopping of the Tatsuta Maru, coming soon after the detention of the Asama Maru, caused a flurry of excitement in Tokyo as it was believed the ship was inspected by a boarding party from a British man-of-war. This report proved to be false when the captain disclosed that his ship merely had been questioned by light signals and was not detained.

"We could not tell what the nationality of the ship was but I think it might have been a British warship," Captain Shunji Ito, of the Tatsuta Maru, told Domei yesterday.

"From the time of our departure from San Francisco on January 18 we had stormy weather almost all the way.

"I think the rumour that our ship was examined by a British warship caused much anxiety to all in Japan, as it was immediately after the Asama Maru incident. What really happened was that about 10.50 o'clock on the night of January 18, the day of our departure from San Francisco, our ship was halted with flash signals from what appeared to be a warship. The ship was about two miles away from us at a point over 170 miles from the American port.

"We were asked for the name and destination of our ship and we answered by flash signals. "We also asked for the nationality and name of that ship but they did not answer at all. The other ship disappeared in the darkness and we started again on our course at 11.05 o'clock."

The Pacific liner brought 328 Japanese and foreign passengers here yesterday.—Domei.

Washington Uninformed On Luzon Shelling

Admiral Hart Refuses to Comment on Report

Washington, Feb. 4.

The Navy Department late last night had not received any official report of the reported shelling of the U.S.S. Luzon, Flagship of the United States Asiatic Patrol, carrying Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to China, on the Yangtze River yesterday near Wuhu.

The Navy Department pointed out that the Commander-in-Chief of the Asiatic Fleet, Admiral Thomas C. Hart, has wide powers to deal with any situation.

It was reported last night that shore artillery along the Yangtze River had shelled the Luzon as it was en route to Shanghai from Hankow. A Japanese warship was said to have been nearby when the Luzon was shelled and it was not known at which vessel the shells were aimed.

The Department of State also stated they had received no official reports of the incident last night.—United Press.

Admiral Hart Reticent

Manila, Feb. 4.

Admiral Thomas C. Hart, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, this morning refused to confirm or deny the report that the Flagship of the U.S. Asiatic Patrol, the U.S.S. Luzon, carrying Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to China, was shelled on Friday while en route to Shanghai from Hankow.

Other Naval officials here claimed they had no knowledge of the incident.—United Press.

Japan to Call Up New Conscript Drafts

Classification "Fit B 3" to Cover Former Exemptions

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

Many men formerly exempt from military service will be drafted as a result of alterations in conscription rules which were announced on Saturday, January 27.

A new classification has been created under the name of "Fit B 3" and will include many men formerly exempt from the active list, according to the "Nichi Nichi." Almost all young men of conscription age will be given a chance to serve on that list, says the paper.

"Fit A" conscripts will have to be taller than 1.52 metres instead of 1.50 as formerly, and their chest girth will have to be more than half their body height. Many men who look weak without any discernable reason will be branded "Fit B," says the "Nichi Nichi."

Finally, men strong physically but with slight defects, in their sight, smell, hearing, fingers or toes, will be listed as "Fit B 1" on the active list.—Havas.

Philippines Budget Approved

Manila, Feb. 4.

The Philippines State Council yesterday approved the 1940-41 budget of 79,000,000 pesos, a reduction of 2,000,000 pesos from the current budget, says the "Manila Tribune" today. The revised budget will be presented to the Assembly next Tuesday, it was believed. National defence appropriations were cut 1,000,000 pesos by uniting the Philippines Army and constabulary bills, the newspaper reported.—United Press.

Shrine for Horses To Be Built

Tokyo, Feb. 4.

A shrine and memorial tower in honour of horses killed on China fronts will be erected this year in the centre of Tokyo. Plans for the shrine were completed by the Japan Race Horse Association, the Japan Breeding Association, the War Office, Agriculture and Forestry Ministry and other organizations.—Domei.

British People Determined to Wipe Out Nazidom

Secretary of War Declares Germany "Must Never Again Have Power to Inflict Misery on World"

London, Feb. 4.

BRITISH determination to crush Nazism once and for all was reaffirmed by the Secretary of State for War, Mr. Oliver Stanley, in a speech at Newcastle last night, in which he condemned the Nazi doctrine of "Lebensraum" (living space). "For ourselves we want nothing of Germany or of the Germans," he declared. "We do not desire their destruction; we do not grudge their prosperity; we do not want to make of them helots that they have made of millions, or make their land the desert that they have made of a quarter of Europe. We want them to be peaceful and happy members of a peaceful and happy Europe.

"But never again under this or any leader, or under this or any regime, must they have the power to inflict upon the world misery and suffering, which twice in our life they have done." An Allied victory was certain, Mr. Stanley stated, but there must be no illusions as to the difficulties and sacrifices to be faced. There could be no victory without tears.

The Minister recalled that exactly five months had elapsed since the war broke out. He contrasted the difference of public behaviour then and at the outbreak of the Great War.

That generation which had never known a European war entered the 1914 struggle determined, but was yet able to clothe the war with the romanticism of a bygone age, while the present generation, ignorant neither of dangers nor sacrifices, entered the present conflict even more united and determined.

Discussing the reasons for that outstanding unity of purpose, Mr. Stanley recalled that throughout the centuries, Europe did not consist of a few great Powers but was made up of nations of various strength and size, small nations developing their own national culture and, until the rise of Nazism, not regarded as the natural prey of their stronger neighbours.

Nazi Heresy of "Lebensraum"

The Nazis, however, had introduced the high-sounding doctrine of "Lebensraum" which, the War Secretary said, merely meant: "Anything your neighbour has is yours if you are strong enough to take it." This was shown, he asserted, by instance after instance, culminating in the march on Prague.

It had often been said, and was reiterated by General J. B. M. Hertzog (Leader of the Opposition in the Union of South Africa) in a recent speech, that all the trouble came from the Versailles Treaty, the Minister continued.

While not denying its imperfections and mistakes, he said, on the whole the Treaty was inspired by a single idea—to release the people of other nationalities from German rule, allowing them to make their own countries and to live their own lives.

"When in the past few months we have seen what German rule means," Mr. Stanley asked, "can anybody say we were wrong and the idea was ignoble?"

According to General Hertzog, he proceeded, all Herr Hitler had done in past years was to put right grievances, although in doing so he might have been a little inconsiderate, hasty and brusque, but always with good intentions.

Fake of Czechs, Poles, Austrians

"How true it is that distance lends enchantment to the view," Mr. Stanley commented. "Let us call as witness not people 2,000 miles away, but people a little nearer the scene." He asked whether the Czechs, Poles and Austrians, with their over-run countries, shot students, silent workers, and life without laughter or liberty, were likely to think that Herr Hitler's intentions were good, or his actions only a little inconsiderate.

Did small neutral countries, fearing an attack at any moment, the War Secretary further asked, feel the same confidence in the Nazi leader as that expressed by General Hertzog? Against that philosophy of brute force, he added, the Allies were fighting not only for their lives but for lasting peace.

Turning to the question of trade, which Mr. Stanley said had been his chief concern until a few days ago, he pointed out that exports were a vital element in the war effort, in which worker, manufacturer, merchant and public must take part.

Foreign Trade Recovered

Although at the beginning of the war the export trade suffered a sharp decline, recovery had been rapid, and the December figures actually exceeded the pre-war monthly average.

Turning to the concerns of his present office, the War Secretary dealt with the initial difficulties of raising and equipping a large army in a limited time, but said much had already been accomplished.

The expeditionary force, he added, had been built into a formidable army, some units of which had already had an opportunity of showing the customary skill and dash of the British soldiers in contact with the enemy.—Reuter.

Yunnan Railway is Bombed Again

Japanese Planes Make New Attack on Bridge; Protest Made by U.S. Envoy

Kunming, Feb. 4.

A further severe air raid was made by Japanese aeroplanes yesterday on the same bridge where a passenger train was hit on Thursday.

Yesterday's raid cut both railway and telegraphic communications on the spot. It thus made the rescue and identification work connected with Thursday's raid more complicated than ever. The fact that the passenger car, in which all Thursday's damage was done, was completely destroyed has added to the difficulties of the officials who have rushed to the scene.

The only casualty names so far divulged are those of Madame Daviet, wife of a French District Inspector connected with the railway, and their child. Monsieur Daviet is at present at Chengkung.—Reuter.

American Protest

Washington, Feb. 4.

The United States Ambassador to Japan, Mr. Joseph C. Grew, last week sharply informed the Japanese Government that the United States is concerned over Japanese bombings of the Yunnan Railway, it was reliably learned here last night.

Mr. Grew's notice to Japan was considered short of a formal protest, but it took added significance because of the already strained relations between Japan and the United States. It was said that Mr. Grew told the Japanese that the United States considers the railway an artery for the normal transportation of goods destined for the United States and an artery of travel for American citizens and diplomats. The same notice was brought to the attention of the French Foreign Office, it was learned.—United Press.

Chinese Newspaper Comment

Chungking, Feb. 4.

Commenting on the bombing by Japanese warplanes of a French train near the French Indo-China border on Thursday, which resulted in many casualties, including five Europeans, the "Central Daily News," official organ of the Chinese Government, in an editorial today denounced the raid as a "deliberate affront to Third Powers in China."

After reiterating that "the safety of the lives and interests of Third Power nationals in China can have no protection so long as Japanese militarists run amuck," the newspaper asserted: "Such deliberate attacks should not be further tolerated."—Reuter.

Casualties Believed 150

Chungking, Feb. 4

The latest information received here today indicates that casualties from the Japanese air raid on Thursday on the Yunnan railway are probably about 150.

Forty bodies were recovered yesterday from a coach. They were buried under tons of debris. It is now established that the train bombed was a slow passenger train and not the express "Micheline."

The engine of the train was demolished by bombs, setting fire to several coaches.—Reuter.

Wang's Representative In Peiping

Effort to Explain Alleged Peace Agreement

Peiping, Feb. 4.

A representative of Mr. Wang Ching-wei arrived here from an unstated city a few days ago to interview Mr. Wang Keh-min, Chairman of the Executive Commission of the Provisional Government, and other high leaders concerning the defection of Mr. Kao Tsung-wu and Mr. Tao Hsi-sheng from the Wang Ching-wei party, according to Chinese reports.

The representative, whose name is said to be Chen, has come, it is reported, to explain to Mr. Wang Keh-min and others that the agreement alleged by Messrs. Kao and Tao to have been signed between Mr. Wang Ching-wei and Japanese representatives was the "earliest proposal" brought up by the Japanese and that the result of subsequent negotiations has resulted in an understanding that does not "endanger the existence of China."—Reuter.

Rare Saionji Book Offered to Society

Tokyo, Feb. 4.

A rare book containing translations into French of ancient Japanese poems by Prince Kimmochi Saionji, last of the elder statesmen, has been offered to the Society for International Cultural relations by an old library in Paris, according to the "Chugai Shogyo" today. Prince Saionji is recovering from illness.

Poems from the Mannyoshu and Kokinshu collections were translated into French some 50 years ago when the Prince was studying in Paris and mingling with some of the leading French artists and musicians of the day.

Before being published the poems were "polished" by a French authoress, the paper said. The book was reported to be worth 6,000 francs.—Domei.

Another Japanese Asks "How Far?"

Noted Commentator Urges New Cabinet to Consult People on China War

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

"How far can Japan go?" is the question raised by Mr. Tsuego Baba, one of the best-known political commentators in Japan, in an article published by the "Yomiuri Shimbun."

"Before the fighting began in China," writes Mr. Baba, the amateurs thought a couple of Japanese divisions would be able to trample down the more than 400 counties of China. Chiang Kai-shek, however, in Chungking after 2½ years of fighting, boasts that he is confident of gaining a final victory.

"We erred not in the strength of the Japanese forces, but in judging the broadness of China's land and her large population. The brave Japanese soldiers marched thousands of miles and occupied many important cities. Yet, more than half of China's territory still remains to be taken. The Japanese fighters might reach Chungking, I believe, marching with songs on their lips.

"But what then?" asks the writer. "On this point the mind of the entire nation should concentrate. This would probably give us an idea of the central point for the so-called disposal of the China Incident."

Reviewing the achievements of the past Cabinets since the beginning of the Incident Mr. Baba believes they were too "bureaucratic" in character, i.e., too far from the public.

Japanese People Ought to Decide

"The people was never consulted about the government's policies. What these policies were, and how they had been decided, was never revealed to the public by these governments. It is but natural that the people should not know what to do and what to plan. Believing that unrestricted discussion might embarass the state, they even refrain from talking freely, while being forced to watch the acts of the government in mute surprise.

In conclusion, Mr. Baba asks the new Cabinet not only to conceive "a plan leading Japan somewhere," but to work with the people. "A great nation will accomplish nothing if its might is divided," Mr. Baba says, "but a small nation if it concentrates on a single point, as Finland shows, will shake the axis between Heaven and Earth."—Havas.

Saito Affair Unsettled

Tokyo, Feb. 4.

The furore over the speech by Mr. Takao Saito, veteran member of the Minseito Party, in which he challenged the Konoye statement, seriously interfered with the session of the Diet yesterday, as political parties spent more than ten hours in secret meetings discussing measures to cope with the matter.

In his speech on February 2, Mr. Saito had said that if the principles of the Konoye statement were rigidly carried out, Japan would get nothing out of the war in China.

The failure of Mr. Toshi Koyama (Minseito Party), Speaker of the Lower House, to call Mr. Saito to order was severely criticized by the Seiyukai, Social Mass, Jikyoku and Doshikai Parties who are to move a vote of non-confidence against him. When the Lower House resumed its session at 9.02 last night, Mr. Koyama was severely heckled with shouts of: "You must take the whole responsibility!"

When Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, the Premier, went to the rostrum, the House was in an uproar, some indignant members shouting: "Why didn't you clarify the Government's attitude immediately after Saito's speech yesterday?"

The "Japan Times" reveals that it is rather doubtful whether Mr. Saito will be expelled, in view of the sympathetic attitude towards him of members belonging to the major parties.

The "Nichi Nichi" says the Army is watching further developments with serious concern.—Reuter.

Racehorse That Steadies Himself on Whisky

Half a Bottle Before Race Brings Victory

London, Feb. 3.

It's the spirit that counts, in horse racing as in most other things. Maikai, an extremely nervous gelding, always has a nip of whisky—in his case, three-quarters of a bottle—on the morning of a race to steady himself.

Despite this treatment, Maikai proved to be the unluckiest horse of the year by running second in both the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups, two of Australia's premier turf events. Then the owner's friend, a whisky merchant, had a bright idea. Perhaps the horse didn't care the particular brand of whisky he had been taking.

The brand was changed—and so was Maikai. He won his next two races, including the Eclipse Stakes, in which he had been fifteen lengths behind the leaders with half a mile to go.

"Damnable Thing to Do"

The Stewards of the Victoria Racing Club ruled that the whisky was a tonic, not a stimulant, and they took no action. But the R.S.P.C.A. and the Temperance Alliance were not so easily satisfied.

"Whisky, under no circumstances, can be described as a tonic for man or beast," said an executive of the Temperance Alliance. "It is a temporary stimulant and then depresses."

"It is a damnable thing to do," said the secretary of the R.S.P.C.A. "If a horse cannot race without being first given whisky, he shouldn't be run at all."—Reuter.

Anglo-Japanese Hosiery Agreement Extended

Precautions Taken to Avoid Flooding Home Market

London, Feb. 3.

The Anglo-Japanese Hosiery Agreement has been provisionally extended until the end of 1940, it was announced in Leicester today. Only the imports of certain hosiery reaching England from Japan will be controlled by London, the Japanese government regulating the exports.

Half the amounts of hosiery mentioned in the terms of the agreement will be permitted immediate importation, the licensing authorities informed the National Federation of Hosiery Manufacturers. This means that 350,000 pairs of footwear and 500,000 other articles of hosiery containing a certain amount of wool—will reach Britain from Japan.

The Federation, it was stated, made a request that the import of these goods be carried out gradually during the first six months of the new agreement so that they will not flood the market all at once.—Havas.

Soviet-Bulgarian Trade Pact Ratified

Moscow, Feb. 4.

A trade treaty between the Soviet Union and Bulgaria, concluded on January 5, has been ratified by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.—Reuter.

Japanese Plants Moved To Manchoukuo

Tokyo, Feb. 4.

Moving of complete equipment and personnel of 21 factories from Japan to Manchoukuo was expected today to be completed by the Commerce and Industry Ministry and Ministry of Overseas Affairs by the end of next month.

The plants will be the first in this branch of the Manchoukuo industrial development programme to be selected from Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya. Some of them manufacture munitions. Sixteen will be located in Mukden, two at Hunchun, one at Tungning, one at Poli and one at another town.—Domei.

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